

Mr. Archibald reported from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech, that they had drawn up an Address accordingly, and he read the Address in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

TO HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

SIR JAMES KEMPT,

Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

May it please Your Excellency,

WE, His Majesty's dutiful Subjects, the Representatives of His loyal People of Nova-Scotia, beg leave to thank your Excellency for your Speech at the opening of the present Session of the General Assembly.

To your Excellency we are highly indebted for your exertions in visiting the different parts of the Province ; and it affords us much satisfaction to learn that your Excellency has been gratified with the increased industry of its Inhabitants, and the growing improvement of the Country.

The great depreciation in the value of Property of all kinds, has, in many parts of the Country, occasioned much individual distress ; but we are happy to observe that the difficulties experienced by the People of this Province, have already had the effect of calling forth additional exertions on their part, and also of introducing habits of economy and prudence, which, under the blessing of Heaven, cannot fail to secure them happiness and independence.

We are fully sensible of the great blessings secured to us by our happy Constitution, supported by the powerful protection of the Parent State ; under it we enjoy in safety the fruits of our industry, and we assure your Excellency of our warmest gratitude to our beloved Sovereign, for his paternal care over us, and to your Excellency, for the wise and impartial administration of the Government, which His Majesty has been graciously pleased to commit to your charge.

We thank your Excellency for directing the Public Accounts to be laid before us, at an early period of the Session, with the Estimate of the Civil Establishment for the present year, and your Excellency may rely on our providing for the necessary Expenses of His Majesty's Government.

We regret, with your Excellency, the depression experienced in our Commerce and Fisheries, which partake in the general embarrassment felt at this period throughout the Commercial World ; but we are happy to learn that our Provincial Revenue, although much less than in former years, is yet sufficient, aided by the Mother Country, to provide with economy for the expenses incidental to the Government of the Province.

We agree with your Excellency, that there is great necessity for a prudent and judicious application of our limited means ; and your Excellency may be assured that every measure, which may appear conducive to the prosperity of the Province, shall command our early and serious deliberations ; and we beg your Excellency to accept our most sincere thanks for the assurance of your cordial co-operation to render them effectual.

Resolved, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency by the whole House.

Ordered, That the Committee who prepared the Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, be a Committee to wait on His Excellency to know his pleasure when he will be attended by the House.

Ordered, That no Petition, of a private nature, be received after Friday the 8th day of March next.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

Saturday,