

FRIDAY, 1st FEBRUARY, 1828.

and we trust, that the spirit of enterprize which has so promptly led our shipping to Foreign Countries, will be attended with public benefit.

We most fully concur with your Excellency in considering the increase of the Coasting Trade as the surest test of our growing resources and population; and we participate in those sentiments of regret that the Fisheries are not adequate to the ordinary demand in that branch of trade: sensible as we are, that on their protection depends, in a great degree, the prosperity of Nova-Scotia, we shall give them our earliest attention.

It is with much concern we learn, that the system established, under Laws for general Education throughout the Province, has not, in its operation, realized our anticipations; and we shall, as soon as the public duty will admit, turn our attention to their modification and improvement; and trust they will be placed on that efficient footing which may generally benefit the condition of the inhabitants of Nova-Scotia.

The advantages which have resulted in the old Countries from the opening of Canals and Mines, bespeak their importance. It affords us no little satisfaction to find, that the practicability of similar undertakings has been fully ascertained in this Province; and we hope, at no distant day, they will stand as the lasting and useful memorials of the enterprize and activity which have been cherished under your Excellency's zealous Administration.

The great attention which your Excellency has always bestowed upon the general improvement of the Roads throughout the Province, and facilitating its internal communications, more particularly in those useful alterations upon the Great Roads, which are so generally felt and acknowledged, claim from us our warmest thanks; and we beg leave to assure you, that we will readily proceed to the consideration of any plan which your zeal in visiting, and knowledge in improving, have matured for our deliberations.

It affords us much pleasure to learn from your Excellency, that the Constitutional Force of the Colony is so much improved in its discipline and management; and we shall be glad to receive from you, while in Session, the details of our agricultural resources and population.

We thank your Excellency for directing the Public Accounts to be laid before us; and you may rely on our disposition to provide for the necessary expenses of His Majesty's Government.

The striking contrast manifest between this happy Province and other Countries, is at the present time most truly gratifying, not only to us, as the Representatives, but to all Classes of Inhabitants: living as we do under the plain and simple principles of the British Constitution, and free from almost all burthensome taxes, the Colony cannot be otherwise than happy, and prosperous; and we trust, that by the vigilant and sacred preservation of all our rights, we offer to this Country, and our posterity, the imperishable pledge, that those valued blessings will be continued to them under the powerful protection of the Parent State, and it shall be our endeavour to extend and secure that contented and kindly feeling which now pervades all Classes of His Majesty's Subjects.

We shall be happy to receive your Excellency's Communications on all matters of public interest during the Session; and we feel assured that we shall have the concurrence of your Excellency in all measures tending to promote the good government, and general welfare of the Province.

*Ordered*, That the said Address be engrossed.

*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.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow, at twelve of the Clock.

Address to be presented

Committee to wait on Lieut. Governor

Saturday,