

We have great satisfaction in learning from your Excellency, that Her Majesty's Government has been pleased to comply with, and accede to, the suggestion contained in the joint Address of the two branches of this Legislature, having reference to the giving of a guarantee for a sufficient loan that may be required to purchase the Township Lands in this Island, so that a more speedy and general conversion of Leasehold tenures into Freeholds, may be effected; and we shall therefore gravely consider any measure that may be submitted, towards carrying into effect that desirable result.

Any measure that may be laid before us, having in view the Establishment of Municipal Institutions, thus conceding to the Inhabitants of this Island, a more direct power in the management of their own local affairs, shall receive our earnest and careful attention; and, in connection with this subject, we shall consider the expediency of constituting a Board of Works, so that all public expenditure shall henceforth be made under careful revision.

We are gratified to learn that the general Education Act is so encouraging in its results, and that a free system of public instruction is so highly appreciated by the Inhabitants at large, and we shall cheerfully continue or re-enact the same.

The interests of Agriculture, which, form the primary object of industry and enterprize in this Colony, claim from us, and shall receive our most deliberate consideration.

As we are convinced of the great necessity of making all Inter-Colonial communications as perfect and as permanent as possible, we shall readily concur with any reasonable plan that may be suggested for their extension.

We beg to thank your Excellency for the expression of your willingness to co-operate with us, in the promotion of the interests of the Island, and the happiness and contentment of the people; and we beg to assure your Excellency, that we have every confidence in your Excellency's mode of administering the Government of this loyal Colony.

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

*Ordered*, That the same Committee who prepared the Address, be a Committee to wait on His Excellency, to know when he will be pleased to receive this House with their Address.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at Twelve o'clock.