

THURSDAY, 25th JANUARY, 1838.

the Fourth, of blessed memory, whose paternal attachment to this Province, which he visited at an early period of his life, will be remembered by you with gratitude and respect.

The Throne of the British Empire is now filled by His august Niece Queen Victoria, the daughter of His late Royal Highness the Duke of Kent, who for many years resided amongst you, when Commander in Chief in British America. Her Majesty's accession has been hailed, in every part of her extensive dominions, with the most enthusiastic loyalty: her youth and sex claim from her subjects their dutiful affection and support.

It is with deep regret I have to notice the late unfortunate events in the Canadas; but I have the satisfaction of informing you that the insurrection has been put down in Lower Canada, and that the traitorous attempt made to separate the Upper Province from British rule, has been signally defeated by the gallant conduct of its Militia alone: it is true that a small and desperate band still retain possession of Navy Island; but there is every reason to believe, as measures have been adopted at the recommendation of the President of the United States for the enforcement of neutrality on the frontier, that these deluded men, deprived of all foreign assistance, will speedily be dispersed.

These rebellious proceedings have called forth in this Province expressions of indignation and abhorrence, and the Addresses from various quarters which have been presented to me declare the unshaken attachment of the Inhabitants of Nova-Scotia to Her Majesty's Person and Government.

I have great pleasure in congratulating you upon the abundant Harvest with which it has pleased Divine Providence to reward the labours of the Husbandman, and which has diffused the blessing of plenty throughout the Country.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

The Provisional Establishment of two distinct Councils, which has recently taken place, and the Despatches which I am instructed to lay before you, afford ample evidence of the gracious attention that has been paid to the representations which you addressed to the Throne in the last Session.

I earnestly hope that this important alteration of the ancient Constitution of the Province, will be attended with all the advantages by which, when you advised the measure, you expected it would be accompanied.

I have directed the Public Accounts to be laid before you, and I trust you will find that the Supplies granted to Her Majesty in the last Session have been faithfully expended. The usual Estimates of the Civil Establishment for the present year will be submitted to you, and I have no doubt of your providing for the support of Her Majesty's Government, and for all other necessary services, with your usual liberality.

Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

I have great satisfaction in acquainting you that the Revenue last year has increased considerably; the receipts have been more than sufficient to meet all the demands on the Treasury. I feel it my duty to recommend an economical application of our means, by keeping our expenditure within our income.

I most earnestly desire to draw your particular attention to the inefficient state of the Militia; it is not at present what I wish to see it; there is all the good feeling and loyalty I could desire. As it is the Constitutional defence and security of the Province, I am persuaded you will see the necessity of amending the Law now in existence; and the zeal and discipline of twenty-five thousand young and willing Sons of your own families ought not to be neglected by Government and the Legislature.

It is the earnest desire and recommendation of Her Majesty's Government that you will enter upon the discharge of your Public Duties with that spirit of harmony in your proceedings, for which the Legislature of this Province has so long been conspicuous, and which has proved so conducive to the best interests of the Country.

My anxious wish is to see peace, content and prosperity, prevail throughout the Province;
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