

fed in the fifty-ninth year of His present Majesty's reign, in addition to, and amendment thereof.

The Honorable Michael Wallace, Acting President of His Majesty's Council then presented to His Excellency the Governor in Chief, the Joint Address of His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly to His Excellency, requesting His Excellency to endeavour to procure for His Majesty's Subjects in this Province, the same indulgence which has been extended to the Colony of Newfoundland, by the Act of 59th Geo. III. to which Address His Excellency was pleased to say, that he would take the earliest opportunity of complying with the request of the Council and the House, as expressed therein.

His Excellency was then pleased to make the following Speech, viz.

*Mr. President and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council,
Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

THE attention which has been given to the dispatch of the Public Business of this Session, is entitled to my best acknowledgements, and enables me now to relieve you from further attendance,

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

I OBSERVE with satisfaction that the Supplies which have been voted for the Public Service, have been proportioned to the circumstances and means of the Province. I thank you for them in His Majesty's name; and you may rely upon their being faithfully applied.

*Mr. President and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council,
Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

I CANNOT allow you to separate without expressing my personal thanks for the support I have received in the administration of the Government, and for the repeated assurances of your approbation in the discharge of the duties of my station.

It affords me great satisfaction at this moment to see the Province in the enjoyment of peace, contentment, and abundance of all the necessaries of life. It is perhaps still more pleasing to see the fairest promise of a continuance of those blessings increasing too by a rising spirit of industry, the active efforts of which will best express its powers and importance.

LEAVING you in that state, I cannot but feel most anxious for the future. Convinced as I am, that Nova-Scotia is growing in strength more rapidly than you are aware of, and that every year it is acquiring multiplied powers of energy and exertion, I feel it my duty to point out to you the objects which appear to me above all others important, to promote those happy prospects. Pre-eminent in these I consider a continued encouragement to the pursuits of agriculture as the only source and solid foundation of the prosperity of this and any other country. On its commerce and your fisheries will grow to consequence; and while it languishes, these also will be limited and unprofitable.

I EARNESTLY recommend to your protection, the College now rising in this town. The state of the Province requires more extended means of education; and this College, open to all classes and denominations of Christians, will afford these means in the situation best suited to make them generally available. I am myself fully convinced that the advantages will be great even in our time, but growing, as it will grow, with the prosperity of the Province, no human foresight can imagine to what extent it may have spread its blessings, when your children's children shall compare the state of Nova-Scotia to what it is now.

Of less consequence, but yet most important also, I consider the existence and state of the Militia. It is the constitutional defence and security of the Province; and the protection of Twenty Thousand young and willing sons of your own families, ought not to be slighted or neglected by Government or the Legislature. The Militia is not at present what I have wished to see it, but there is all the loyalty I could desire, and, in many battalions, all the zeal and discipline I could possibly wish.