

intrigues and designs, which are now more than apparent, are thoroughly comprehended by the people of Nova Scotia.—(*Long and renewed applause.*)

The following draft of an address was then read and passed unanimously by the meeting.

“TO THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

“*The Petition of the undersigned, Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of Halifax,*

“HUMBLY SHOWETH—

“That, heretofore, several attempts have been made to found Institutions for teaching the higher Branches of learning, which, after consuming a vast amount of public and private funds, have either entirely failed, or been attended with little success.

“That your Petitioners attributed the ruin of one such Institution, and the feebleness and inefficiency of others, to the attempt to found them amidst a thin and scattered population, and to maintain them by the resources of some one of the numerous branches of the Christian family into which this Province is divided.

“That your Petitioners viewed with satisfaction the attempt made by your Honorable Body, last session, to put an end to an impolitic and expensive system, and to lay the foundation of an Institution which should be an ornament to the Province, and ensure, by the permanence of its character, and the extent of its resources, a liberal education to our Youth.

“That your Petitioners have seen with deep regret the efforts of a few interested parties, to create, in different sections of the Country, a prejudice against your honourable House, for an act which we regard as founded in sound policy, just to the whole body of the people, and imperatively called for at the present time.

“That your Petitioners regard, with intense interest, the thousand of children, growing up without the common rudiments of Education, unable to read the word of God, or to conduct with advantage the ordinary affairs of life, and they deem it their duty to protest against the establishment of a plurality of Collegiate Establishments for the rich, until the wants of the poor are more extensively supplied.