

et toute autre communication de sa part sera reçue par nous avec le même degré d'attention.

L'approbation honorable de notre conduite passée que votre Excellence a la bonté de manifester, nous devient d'autant plus flatteur, qu'elle ajoute à notre satisfaction particulière d'avoir rempli notre devoir, celle de l'avoir méritée de votre part; la mériter de nouveau s'accorde si bien avec ce devoir, que votre Excellence peut-être convaincue que nous ferons tous nos efforts pour y parvenir, et pour lui témoigner la reconnaissance dont nous sommes pénétrés pour sa sollicitude pour nos affaires privées et nos occupations respectives.

La Chambre étant de retour, Mr. l'Orateur a fait rapport que l'adresse avoit été présentée, et que Son Excellence avoit bien voulu faire la réponse suivante :

Messieurs,

Je ressens d'autant plus de satisfaction, en recevant cette Adresse Loyale, que je considère la confiance qui a subsisté uniformément entre moi et les fidèles Communes de Sa Majesté du Bas Canada, comme fournissant les moyens efficaces qui me mettront à même de remplir la tâche qui m'est confiée avec avantage à la Province.

Conformément à l'ordre, la Chambre a procédé à la considération de la Harangue de Son Excellence aux deux Chambres, et il a été résolu que la Chambre se formeroit demain en Comité de toute la Chambre sur cette partie qui a rapport aux prisons et aux maisons de correction.

Un Comité spécial de sept Membres a aussi été nommé, pour prendre en considération cette partie de la Harangue concernant la continuation des Loix de Milice.

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At this point of view the town presents an appearance truly novel, from the shape and situation of the flakes on which the fish are dried. These are erected upon poles made of the spruce tree, some as high as forty feet, across are placed other poles or rafters, and on these brush-wood is scattered to enable the men to walk upon them

with greater safety, and to bear the weight of the fish in their wet and green state. Nor are the flakes confined to the vallies, they are frequently built on the margin of the precipices, and most dangerous parts of the rocks.

The situation of St. John's is close on the brink of the water, from which it is natural to conclude it cannot possess many charms to invite any to reside in it, but those whom interest or necessity induce to consult the advantage rather than the pleasure arising from the difference of local situation. The church has been lately rebuilt, where divine service is performed twice every Sunday by the Rev. Mr. Harris, in whom is blended the gentleman and the scholar. There are two chapels, one for those of the Catholic persuasion, the other for the followers of Wesley and Whitfield. In the pastor of the former (Mr. Macdonald,) is displayed great learning united with meekness of temper and urbanity of manners. Here is also a custom-house and a court-house; in the latter are heard all civil and criminal causes, to which a Chief Justice is appointed, which hitherto has been annexed to one of the principal and most respectable officers in the customs: two trusts incompatible with, and which ought to be totally independent of, each other. And such certainly were the sentiments of the ingenious and learned projector of the original act, who established this court of judicature, for there every gentleman of this description was totally excluded from becoming even justice of the peace. And if inadequate to the execution of an inferior, how can they be adequate to the performance of a superior appointment in the same line of duty. However this judicious clause is now repealed; and the present practice is subversive of every principle of British jurisprudence, where the long established