

Brunswick, being apprehensive that the question of altering the wood duties, would again come under the consideration of Your Majesty and the Imperial Parliament, conceive it to be our duty, most humbly to call Your Majesty's attention to our Address of February, in the year 1831, on this subject.

"Deeming it unnecessary to repeat the arguments which have again and again been reiterated, showing the effect that would be produced on the trade of this country and the British Empire in general, by any alterations in the scale of duties on Timber and Deals, we have little else to add, than to give it as our deliberate opinion, that the adoption of such a scale as was proposed in Parliament, in the year 1831, would nearly, if not entirely, annihilate the trade of this Province in these articles, and would inevitably lead to all the evil consequences detailed in the Address annexed, and to which we beg leave most humbly to refer.

"If by the adoption of the proposed alteration of duties, the trade should be destroyed or rendered altogether unprofitable, the lumberers would be driven to seek out other avocations, and perhaps other countries; the establishments for carrying on the Timber and Deal trade would be broken up; and in the event of the ports of the Baltic being again shut against British commerce, and the requisite supplies of wood being then obtainable only from the British North American Colonies, a long time must elapse before a sufficient number of workmen skilled in the manufacture of timber, could be collected to furnish that supply; and it hardly could be expected that the lumberers would return to an employment, or that merchants would re-invest capital in a trade so uncertain in its duration, as was that out of which they had been thrown by an act that had ruined or deeply injured them, and increased the profits of Foreigners.

"We earnestly implore Your Majesty to take this our Petition into Your most gracious consideration, assuring Your Majesty, that it is only by a rigid adherence to the present protective policy in favor of the North American Colonies, a great portion of Your Majesty's subjects resident therein, will be preserved from inevitable ruin.

"And as in duty bound will ever pray &c. &c."

Address referred to in, and annexed to the foregoing.

"To the King's Most Excellent Majesty.

"The Humble Petition of Your Majesty's Council and House of Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, in General Assembly convened.

"MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY,

"**Y**OUR Majesty's most faithful subjects, the Council and Assembly of New Brunswick, being greatly alarmed at a report which has reached this country, of an intention entertained by Your Majesty's Ministers, so to alter the duties upon wood imported into the United Kingdom, as to destroy the protection afforded to colonial over foreign wood by the existing system of duties—a measure (if carried into operation) fraught with consequences ruinous to all Your Majesty's North American Colonies, and to New Brunswick more extensively than to any other, beg leave to lay at the foot of the Throne, this our humble representation.

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