

We are deeply sensible of the blessing of the late abundant harvest, and participate in the hope so earnestly expressed by Your Excellency, that the inhabitants of this Province may soon cease to be dependant on the surrounding Countries for their supply of Bread, which we are confident can be accomplished by the industry of its Agricultural population, aided by an improved system of cultivation and the fostering care of the Legislature; and as connected with this important subject we shall anxiously apply our attention to any measure which may be submitted to encourage the introduction of a valuable class of Immigrant Settlers.

We thank Your Excellency for the intimation that a copy of a Circular Despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, on the important subject of the Communication between the upper and lower Provinces, shall be laid before us; and Your Excellency may rely on our continued disposition to concur in any appropriation which may be made for the important object referred to in the Despatch. And we look forward with much interest to the arrangements which Your Excellency has been pleased to inform us are in progress, for the improvement in the conveyance and reduction in the rates of Post Communications.

In obedience to Your Excellency's recommendation, we will give our serious attention to the suggestions contained in the Report which Your Excellency has been pleased to say shall be laid before us, on the subject of the Coast and Harbour Fisheries.

We fully acknowledge the paramount importance of the subject of Education, and we shall cheerfully bestow our most anxious consideration on any measure having for its object the improvement of the system on which it is now conducted.

Encouraged by the information already obtained by the Geological exploration of certain Districts of the Province, we shall willingly concur in any further assistance which may be required to develop its mineral treasures, and we look forward with interest to the Report which Your Excellency is pleased to say shall be presented to us on the subject.

We are gratified to learn from Your Excellency, that favorable reports have been received of the training of several Battalions of Militia and Artillery Companies, and it will give us great satisfaction to join in any provisions having for their object the extension of a similar benefit to the whole Militia Force of the Province.

We are fully sensible of the lively interest constantly exhibited by Your Excellency in the welfare of the Province; and Your Excellency may be assured that any matter which Your Excellency may be pleased to communicate to us by Message, as also the subjects of any Despatches from the Secretary of State for the Colonies which may be laid before us, shall receive that deep and respectful consideration which is justly due to the source from which they proceed.

We lament with Your Excellency that it is not yet in Your Excellency's power to communicate to us any definite arrangement of the Boundary Question; but we have every confidence that this important matter will ultimately be settled in favor of British claims, without any violation of that good understanding which it is the true interest and sincere desire of both Nations to preserve.

ORDERED, That the Honorable Messrs. Peters and Chandler be appointed a Committee to wait upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, to know when this House would be received with their Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session.

*Adjourned until To-morrow at 12 o'clock.*