

FRIDAY, 12th FEBRUARY 1830.

PRAYERS.

A Message from the Council by Mr. Halliburton :

Mr. Speaker,

The Council have appointed Mr. Collins, and Mr. Prescott, a Committee to join the Committee of the House of Assembly, to examine the Public Accounts.

And then the Messenger withdrew.

Committee of
Council on Public
Accounts

Mr. Uniacke reported from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address in answer to His Honor's Speech ; that the Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly, and he afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

Report of Address
in answer to Pre-
sident's Speech

TO HIS HONOR

MICHAEL WALLACE,

*President and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province
of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.*

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

May it please your Honor,

WE, His Majesty's dutiful Subjects, the Representatives of His Loyal People of Nova-Scotia, most respectfully thank your Honor for your Speech at the opening of the present Session of the General Assembly.

Address in answer
to President's
Speech

We regret to learn that the health of His Excellency Sir PEREGRINE MAITLAND required his removal to a milder Climate, and, looking forward with hope to its re-establishment, and his resuming the Administration of the Government, we confidently rely upon a continuance of that zeal and assiduity which have ever characterized your Honor's long and laborious Public life, for the faithful Administration of the Government during his absence.

It is with much gratification we hear from your Honor that the Public Revenue has increased, and that the appropriations so liberally made in the last Session, for the improvement of the Country and the welfare of the Inhabitants, have been beneficially applied.—That the deliberations of the Representative Body in their last Session have been attended with such advantage to the Province, and that the numerous expenditures have been met by prompt and regular payments from the respective Officers into the Treasury, are highly pleasing.

We thank you for directing the Public Accounts to be laid before us without delay ; they will receive our immediate attention ; and when the usual Estimates are presented to us, we shall suitably provide for the support of His Majesty's Government.

The encouragement of the Fisheries of the Province has always been an important subject upon which the deliberations of former Legislatures have been bestowed, we had hoped that the liberal and general provisions of the present Assembly, aided by their being made to a certain extent permanent, would have accomplished all that could have been wished. And it is with regret we are informed, that branch of our Commercial Industry has not been attended with the returns which we had every reason to anticipate.

We have ample ground to hope that the system for establishing and regulating English Schools throughout the Province has been attended with great success ; and we shall be glad to receive from your Honor any information upon this interesting subject.

We look forward to the progress of the Shubenacadie Canal, as an object of much public importance, and we feel grateful at being informed that the liberal aid and encouragement given by the Province are likely to obtain such assistance in England as may lead to the speedy completion of a work which will open some valuable resources of the Province, and advance the Agricultural Interest.