

To His Excellency The Honorable JOHN HENRY THOMAS MANNERS-SUTTON, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

**THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF HER MAJESTY'S LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN
GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENED.**

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council in General Assembly, desire to convey to Your Excellency our thanks for your Speech at the opening of the Session.

The information which is promised by Your Excellency, respecting the condition of a large number of the Constituency to whom it was the intention of the existing Law to extend the franchise, will be received by us as demanding our most serious attention.

We rejoice to find that Your Excellency is able to announce that considerable progress has been made in the Public Works now in the course of construction; and that the ready sale of the Debentures issued under the Railway Acts, proves the confidence which is felt by the Capitalists of the Mother Country in the good faith and resources of the Province.

We shall receive with great satisfaction the documents explaining the present condition of the Railway Works, and we shall carefully consider any measure which may be devised with a view to the diminution of the cost of superintending the expenditures necessary for their construction.

Any proposal having for its object an improved system of transit for Passengers and Goods between the various Ports of the Northern and Eastern Shores of this Province and Prince Edward Island, shall be regarded with the most favorable consideration.

We are gratified to learn that the Government has, during the recess, been engaged in the consideration of the means by which a healthy stream of Immigration may be promoted. We are sensible both of the importance and complicated character of this subject, and we assure Your Excellency that any document submitted to us in relation thereto, shall receive the calm and careful deliberation to which it is most justly entitled.

In immediate connexion with Immigration, we feel justified in placing any scheme for obtaining a direct Steam Communication with the Mother Country; any step towards this object will be regarded by us with lively satisfaction.

The Despatch from the Secretary of State relative to the Surplus Civil List Fund, we shall look for with great interest.

The approaching expiration of the Laws regulating Parish Schools, will demand immediate legislation at our hands.

We are pleased to learn that the Council of King's College have submitted to Your Excellency, as Visitor of that Institution, a Report; when laid before us it shall be maturely considered.

We have every confidence in the Commission appointed by Your Excellency, in pursuance of the wish of the House of Assembly, to consider the best mode of promoting the successful culture of the soil; and we have no doubt that they will proceed in the duty assigned to them with ability and industry.