

Your Excellency's administration has already convinced us that the people of Nova-Scotia may confidently rely upon Your solicitude and exertions for their welfare and prosperity, and the Council will be happy if at any time they can assist Your Excellency's endeavors for the public good.

Council Chamber, 23d January, 1836.

(Signed) **BRENTON HALLIBURTON**, President of the Council.

To which His Excellency was pleased to make the following reply:

Mr. President and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council :

His Excellency's
reply to Address

I receive this Address with the highest satisfaction. The assurance of your cordial support and assistance in promoting the public good is most gratifying to me; and whilst I administer the Government of Nova-Scotia, which His Majesty has been graciously pleased to commit to my charge, it shall be my constant endeavor to prove myself a sincere friend to the interests of this loyal Province.

(Signed) "C. CAMPBELL"

Address to His
Majesty on Timber
Duties reported

Mr. Cunard, the Chairman of the Committee of this House, appointed to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to prepare an Address to His Majesty on the subject of the Timber Duties, reported an Address, which was read and agreed to, and is as follows :

TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

May it please Your Majesty :

Address

WE, Your Majesty's Council and House of Assembly of this Your Majesty's Loyal Province of Nova-Scotia, now convened in General Assembly, beg leave to approach Your Majesty's Throne, and most respectfully to submit to the consideration of Your Majesty's Government, the Copy of a Memorial to Your Majesty in the year 1834, upon the subject of the Timber Trade of the British North American Provinces.

Your Majesty was graciously pleased to inform the Acting Governor of Nova-Scotia, by a Despatch, dated 4th April, 1834, from the Right Honorable E. G. Stanley, Your Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, "that it was not the intention of His Majesty's Government to propose to Parliament any alteration in the Duties affecting that Trade the present year," and that no steps would be taken, without the fullest consideration of the Colonial interests involved.

That the People of Nova-Scotia, conceiving that no alteration would be made in the Duties affecting the Timber Trade, until after a full investigation of the subject by Your Majesty's Government, and being entirely satisfied that such investigation must produce conviction that many important interests of Your Majesty's Subjects would be sacrificed by the introduction of any material change in this Trade, have not since pressed the subject upon Your Majesty's notice. That they have since increased their Establishments for the manufacture of Timber and Deals, knowing that the Shipping and Navigation of Great-Britain, the Manufacturers, those engaged in the Fisheries, and even the poorest description of Emigrants from Great-Britain to these Colonies, are all deeply interested in the measure, and that Your Majesty's Government would not, without due deliberation, destroy a Trade so important to the Empire.

With deep concern, therefore, the People of this Province have learned that a Committee of the House of Commons of the Imperial Parliament have recommended a change in the Duties; which, if adopted by Parliament, must be ruinous to that branch of the Trade of these Colonies; and give a monopoly of the British Market, in Timber and Deals, to Foreigners.

That little argument is necessary to prove that Colonial Interests are not more deeply concerned in the proposed measure, than the Shipping, Manufacturing and Commercial Welfare of the Parent State. To the views presented in the accompanying Memorial, it does not seem requisite to add more, until these are controverted and disproved, even as a measure of finance merely, it may be problematical whether it will answer that object, when a few years shall have destroyed the Shipping and Commerce engaged in this Trade, and which has heretofore directly or indirectly augmented the Revenue of Great-Britain.

Under all circumstances, therefore, we humbly implore, on behalf of the People of Nova-Scotia, that Your Majesty will not sanction any change in a branch of Trade which has hitherto proved so highly beneficial to the Empire at large.

IN THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY,

23d January, 1836.

[Signed] S. G. W. Archibald, *Speaker.*

IN COUNCIL,

23d January, 1836.

[Signed] Brenton Halliburton, *President of Council.*

Annexed to the above Address was the joint Address of His Majesty's Council and the House of Assembly in the Session of 1834—*vide Journals of 1834, Pages 52 to 55.*

Committee to carry
Address to His
Excellency

On motion, *resolved*, that Mr. Cunard, Mr. Cogswell and Mr. Allison, be a Committee of this House to join a Committee of the House of Assembly, to carry the said Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, and to request him to forward it to the Colonial Office with his favorable recommendation.

Adjourn

The House adjourned until Monday, at two o'clock.