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## ADDRESS from the HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY to THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

The Humble Address of the House of Assembly of the Province of *Nova Scotia*, in Legislative Session convened.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR MAJESTY:

THE House of Assembly approach your Majesty with unabated sentiments of affectionate attachment, and beg leave to assure your Majesty that no one of your dependencies surpasses this your faithful province of *Nova Scotia*, in zealous devotion to your Person and Throne.

The House of Assembly beg leave humbly to inform your Majesty, that they have always evinced a readiness to concur with your Majesty's wishes, in making what they have deemed an ample and compensatory provision for the various public functionaries of your Majesty in this province; and they would humbly submit that your Majesty possesses not any subjects more disposed or capable of devoting themselves with fidelity and zeal to serve your Majesty in those several branches of the public government. Thus impressed, the House of Assembly cannot abstain from expressing the regret with which they find that your Majesty's subjects in this province are studiously overlooked in the selections to fill places, however inferior and subordinate, in the department of your Majesty's customs, established in this province, notwithstanding they so amply support the same.

The House of Assembly would suggest the necessarily discouraging influence which such a partial system of patronage must create in repressing a spirit of improvement among the youth of the province, and in extinguishing those stimulants to qualify themselves by study and attention for offices of a public nature, which a knowledge of their being accessible always produces.

The House of Assembly have seen with pleasure a recent instruction of your Majesty to the Lieutenant-governor of Upper Canada, by which your Majesty is graciously pleased to express your commands that for public employments natives and settled inhabitants should be selected, with occasional exceptions; a proof, as is therein alleged, of your Majesty's settled purpose to exercise your prerogative for no other end than the good of your colonial people. The House of Assembly humbly solicit an extension of the same gracious intentions to your subjects of this province, and your Majesty may feel assured that among no other class of your subjects can your Majesty command the services of a people more devoted to those principles which sustain the power and the dignity of your Throne.

In the House of Assembly,  
15 March 1836.

(Signed) *S. G. W. Archibald*,  
Speaker.