

I have been unable to carry into effect the intentions of the Legislature expressed in the Act passed during the last Session, entitled an Act relating to the funded debt of the Province, but I must remind you that it will be necessary to make provision for the immediate liquidation of that portion of it borrowed in 1836, payable in doubloons, early in the present year ; and I rely on your bestowing on this, as on all other matters of deep public concern, that grave and dispassionate consideration which their importance so imperatively demands.

The House of Assembly then withdrew, and His Excellency was pleased to retire soon after.

A Bill to provide for the Support, Education, and Management of the Children of Paupers and destitute persons—was read a first time.

James D. Harris, Esquire, was introduced and presented his Mandamus—the same was read ; whereupon the usual State Oaths were administered to him, and he having subscribed the same, after giving and receiving salutations to and from the Members present, his seat was assigned to him next to Mr. Kenny.

Alexander Keith, Esquire, was introduced and presented his Mandamus—the same was read ; whereupon the usual State Oaths were administered to him, and he having subscribed the same, after giving and receiving salutations to and from the Members present, his seat was assigned to him next to Mr. Harris.

The President reported His Excellency's Speech, and the same being read by the Clerk, Mr. McNab moved that the following Address be presented to His Excellency in answer to his Speech :

To His Excellency the Right Honorable

LUCIUS BENTINCK,

Viscount Falkland,

Knight Grand Cross of the Guelphic Order, and Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

The Address of the Legislative Council.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

Her Majesty's Loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council of Nova-Scotia, thank Your Excellency for the Speech with which you have been pleased to open the present Session.

The humane motives which have induced Your Excellency to convene the General Assembly at an earlier period than usual, call for our warmest thanks ; and it will be amongst our most grateful duties to assist in devising such measures as may be thought best adapted to relieve the distress and privation to which there is reason to fear some portions of our population will be exposed, by the failure of one great article of their food.

We learn with much satisfaction that the rest of the Harvest has been more than usually abundant ; and though the Fisheries have not been so productive as they have been for several preceding years, that there is no reason for anxiety for the future success of this branch of industry.

We are glad to hear that the Public Revenue still continues in a prosperous state.

We shall be gratified to place on our Journals the Resolutions of the Council and Assembly of the Island of Barbados, conveying their thanks for the money granted by the General Assembly of this Province, for the relief of the Inhabitants of Bridgetown, who were reduced to distress by a conflagration there in February last