

he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows :

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

SIR GEORGE PREVOST, BARONET,

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

THE ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY :

May it please your Excellency,

WE His Majesty's faithful Subjects, the Representatives of His loyal people of Nova-Scotia, beg leave to thank your Excellency, for your Speech at the opening of this Sessions of the General Assembly.

The various events, which, during the present year, have occurred in the war, with which Europe has been so long and severely afflicted, have filled us alternately with hopes and apprehensions ; but we have now to lament that a thicker gloom hangs over the fate of many of the lately independent nations of that distressed country. Beyond the reach of the tyranny, which oppresses the Continent, Great-Britain, supported by the valour of her sons, and their attachments to a constitution, under which they enjoy liberty and independance, proudly maintains and increases her consequence and power. These blessings, and the protection afforded by His Majesty to this Colony, claim from us a diligent performance of all our religious and political duties.

From the dark prospect which Europe affords, we turn with pleasure to the brighter picture which your Excellency presents to us, of our provincial affairs—To the rapid improvements of our trade and agriculture, arising from an increased intercourse with our fellow subjects, and calling into action the various resources of the country.

With your Excellency's communication of the flourishing state of our Revenues, we feel peculiarly gratified, as it confirms the opinion expressed and acted upon by the House of Assembly in a former Sessions, and will enable us to assist your Excellency's design of pursuing, on an enlarged plan, the improvement of the Province : we allude especially to the public roads, which we have ever considered of the first importance ; and we therefore feel most highly obliged by your Excellency's visits to the several parts of the country, whereby you can judge, from personal observations, of the wants of the Province in this respect—For this, and for the pains taken by your Excellency to form a particular estimate of the sums necessary to be applied to this great public service, we offer our warmest thanks.

We have witnessed with much pleasure the general improvement of our Agriculture, Trade and Fisheries, under the present system, and are therefore disposed to continue it for the present year.—Should any services not included in the estimates be considered by us likely to advance the interests of the Province, we shall not fail to introduce them to your Excellency's notice.

We assure your Excellency that we shall make a liberal provision for the support of His Majesty's Government, and for all other measures of public utility.

We are happy to find that the Militia Laws have been successfully carried into effect under your Excellency's orders, and we will readily adopt any amendment, which may promise to render them still more beneficial.