

TO HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

**SIR JAMES KEMPT,**

*Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath,  
Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's  
Province of Nova-Scotia and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.*

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

*May it please Your Excellency.*

**W**E, the Representatives of His Majesty's Loyal Subjects, the Inhabitants of Nova-Scotia, beg leave to thank your Excellency for your Speech at the opening of the present Session of the General Assembly.

The great interest which your Excellency has taken in the prosperity of the Province, and your congratulations on the improving state of the country, in almost every branch of its Industry, have afforded us the greatest satisfaction.

We observe, with much pleasure, that the exertions of the Inhabitants in Agricultural improvement are every where attended with the most beneficial effects, and that the distress which prevailed the last year is happily diminishing, whilst another abundant harvest, under the blessing of Heaven, has afforded plenty throughout the country; and we may now confidently hope that by steadily persevering in Agricultural pursuits, with habits of industry and economy, the People of Nova-Scotia may soon render themselves independent of Foreign supplies.

We are happy in observing that the Commerce of the Country is reviving, and we most cordially unite with your Excellency in the sanguine hope that the Acts passed in the last Session of the Imperial Parliament will enlarge the field for Commercial enterprise, and eventually prove highly beneficial to our Colonial Trade.

We learn with satisfaction, that the Revenue of the past year has been sufficient to meet the charges against it, and to pay off all just claims on the Provincial Government; and we beg to express to your Excellency our warmest thanks for the judicious system which you have caused to be observed in the collection of the Revenue, and the payment thereof into the Treasury, and we have the fullest assurance that, under the direction of your Excellency, the result will be highly beneficial to the country.

The Public Accounts, which your Excellency has been pleased to direct to be laid before us, will meet with our immediate attention: and your Excellency may rely on our providing for the necessary expenses of His Majesty's Government.

The Agriculture and Fisheries of the Province, which are of the first importance to its prosperity, shall receive our early and serious consideration; and although difficulties have heretofore arisen as to the mode of encouraging the Fisheries, yet, we hope we shall be able to devise and adopt some unobjectionable plan for giving a stimulus to that important branch of our Trade.

We shall carefully apply the Revenues of the Country to those important interests, which require assistance, and at the same time endeavour, by a prudent and judicious appropriation of our funds, to avoid the evils which necessarily arise from pecuniary embarrassments.

The exertions made by your Excellency to acquire a knowledge of the Country over which you preside, and your judicious and impartial administration of the Government, demand our sincere gratitude, and afford the highest proof of your earnest desire to promote the prosperity of the Country, and the happiness of the People.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at eleven of the clock.

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*Saturday, 15th February, 1823.*

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PRAYERS:

*Resolved,* That the Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech, reported yesterday, be presented to His Excellency by the whole House. *Ordered.*

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