

are made for their preservation, and will display in their own defence, the courage, energy and patriotism of British subjects.

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

Aware, as you must be from long experience, that expences must necessarily be incurred to support the Civil Establishment, and the honor of his Majesty's Crown, I rely on your wisdom and public spirit for granting such supplies as circumstances and the exigencies of affairs may require.

*Gentlemen of the Council, and*

*Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

Accustomed, as I have been from early youth, to a Military Life, I will endeavour to supply my want of knowledge and experience in discharging the duties of the civil authority, by diligence, and a strict attention to the general interests of the Colony.

I shall hope, at all times for your able counsel and assistance; and ready as you will ever find me to listen, with the most careful attention, I confidently trust that, by our joint endeavours, my administration of the Government will prove honourable to myself and beneficial to the Colony.

If at any time, contrary to my wishes, I should unfortunately err, it will, Gentlemen, be an error of judgment and not of the heart:—and, although I am unused to make professions, I will give you the honest assurance of a Soldier, that I shall constantly endeavour to act with the strictest justice and equity towards every individual.

On motion, *ordered*, That Mr. Hutchinson, Mr. Tonge, and Mr. Robie, be a Committee to prepare an Address in answer to his Excellency's Speech.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow at Twelve of the Clock.

Friday, 20th May, 1808.

#### PRAYERS.

Colin Campbell, Esquire, returned duly elected as a Representative for the Town of Shelburne;

Joseph Barfs, Esquire, returned duly elected as a Representative for the Town of Liverpool;

John Sargent, Esquire, returned duly elected as a Representative for the Town of Barrington; and

William Robertson, Esquire, returned duly elected as a Representative for the Town of Annapolis; severally took the usual Oaths and their Seats.

Mr. Hutchinson reported from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address in answer to his Excellency's Speech, and presented an Address accordingly, which 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,

IT is with great satisfaction that we offer to your Excellency, our sincere congratulations on your appointment to the command of this province and your safe arrival