

Saturday, 7th February, 1818.

PRAYERS.

Mr. Archibald reported from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech, that they had drawn up an Address accordingly: and he read the Address in his place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read and is as follows:

*To His Excellency Lieutenant-General the Right Honorable GEORGE, Earl of DALHOUSIE, Baron DALHOUSIE, of Dalhousie Castle, G. C. B. 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, His Majesty's most dutiful Subjects, the Representatives of this loyal Province, beg leave to thank your Excellency for your Speech at the opening of the present Session of the General Assembly.

The Sorrow so universal and so deep felt by the Inhabitants of Nova-Scotia, on the death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Charlotte of Wales, affords to your Excellency the melancholy assurance that though distant from the sad scene of domestic affliction and national grief, they do not the less deplore this great calamity to the British Empire; and we owe too much to the paternal goodness of our beloved Sovereign not to sympathise most sincerely with all the Branches of His Illustrious House on this most melancholy occasion.

We will direct our early and serious attention to the state of the Militia, and will proceed to the consideration of that important subject with a disposition to make every improvement the situation of the Province will authorise.

We thank your Excellency for having recommended the state of the Agriculture and Fisheries of the Province to the consideration of the Assembly: we are well aware that these sources of wealth are capable of great improvement, and we shall avail ourselves of the tranquility which now prevails in the political world, to promote their prosperity, and thereby animate and encourage the industrious disposition of the Inhabitants of the Country.

The Act, which was passed in the Session of 1816, to regulate the exportation of Gypsum from this Province, having failed to produce the beneficial effects which were contemplated by the Legislature at the time of its enactment, we will take that Law into our early consideration, and adopt such measures as may be most conducive to the interest of the Province.

We thank your Excellency for directing the Public Accounts to be submitted for our inspection, at so early a period, and we have the fullest confidence, that the monies granted in the last Session, have been carefully applied to the purposes for which they were intended.

The great advantage already experienced, from the improvement of the Roads throughout the Province, will induce the House to persevere in granting such Sums of Money, for that beneficial service, as the Revenue of the Country will afford.

We assure your Excellency that nothing shall be wanting on our part to promote that harmony which has hitherto so happily existed among the different Branches of the Legislature; and that we shall proceed with diligence and attention to dispatch the business of the Session.

The zealous disposition manifested by your Excellency, on all occasions, to promote the interests of the Country, and the liberal relief afforded by your Excellency to very many of the Inhabitants, who had been distressed by the failure of their Crops, demand our warmest thanks, and leave us no doubt of your Excellency's concurrence in every measure which may lead to the prosperity of the Province.

*Resolved,*