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and to the Colony at large, upon the amount of benefit which this legitimate expenditure of the Public Revenues has been the means of conferring on this industrious class of the population.

Address,

We shall be prepared to give due consideration to the Bill to be laid before us by the proper Officer of the Government, by which it is proposed, on the part of Her Majesty, to surrender to the Colony the net proceeds of the Crown Estate, in exchange for a permanent provision, secured upon its general Revenues, for the charges which are now defrayed from that fund ;—and we concur in opinion with your Excellency, that the Estate itself may be greatly raised in value, and the income derivable from it proportionably increased, by the Survey and judicious management of the Waste Lands of the Crown, as well as by the construction of Roads and Bridges, and the adoption of other means for the promotion of Agriculture.

To the suggestion of your Excellency as to the expediency of appointing a second Inspector, with the view of rendering more satisfactory and effective the operation of the Act of last Session for the regulation of District Schools, we shall give our best consideration.

The deep interest which we feel in the welfare of that numerous and most valuable class of Her Majesty's subjects in this Island,—the Fishermen,—renders the consideration of the Laws affecting them a matter of the greatest importance, and one to which our best attention shall be afforded ; and your Excellency may rely on our adopting such measures upon this hitherto difficult subject of Legislation as, upon mature reflection, we may deem best calculated to promote the interests, equally, of all parties concerned in the prosecution of our Fisheries, upon the success of which the prosperity of this Colony mainly depends.

We fully appreciate the value of your Excellency's remarks as to the improvement of the comfort, convenience, and security of the property of the inhabitants of this Town, and more especially in reference to the ensuring a supply of pure water at all seasons of the year. We shall not fail to give proper attention to your Excellency's recommendation upon this subject, as well as to your suggestion of the propriety of revising the Act for the regulation of Fire Companies, and of conferring enlarged powers upon the Fire Wardens.

We thank your Excellency for your congratulations upon the prospect of the early extension to this Island of the advantage of Steam Communication with the Mother Country and the neighbouring Continent, as well as upon the establishment of the important and valuable Light now in operation at Cape Bonavista.

The subject of the employment of one or more small Colonial Vessels, for the purposes enumerated by your Excellency, shall engage our attention ; and it may be well to consider how far such an establishment may be conducive to economy as well as to the public advantage, no less in the protection of the Revenue, than in guarding our Fisheries from encroachment.

We sincerely thank your Excellency for the promise of your cordial co-operation in the advancement of our Legislative labours, and we assure your Excellency that our best endeavours shall be used to bring the business of the Session to a conclusion with as much expedition as may be found compatible with the mature consideration of the various important matters to be brought under our attention ; and, in conclusion, we beg leave to thank your Excellency for your Excellency's proposal to consult the public interests and our private convenience, by the convention of the Legislature in the Summer season, should such a measure in our opinion be advisable.