

supplies necessary to maintain the public credit, and stimulate the improvement of the country.

H. A. withdraw,
H. E. retires.

The House of Assembly then withdrew and His Excellency was pleased to retire soon after.

Bill pro forma read.

Mr. Brown presented a Bill, entitled, An Act to amend the Act for relieving Insolvent Debtors from Imprisonment—which was read a first time.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a second time at a future day.

Speech reported.

The President reported His Excellency's Speech, and the same being read by the Clerk,

Address in answer
moved.

Mr. Brown moved that an Address be presented to His Excellency in answer to his Speech—which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it to the Clerk, who read the same as follows :

Address.

To His Excellency Lieutenant-General

SIR JOHN HARVEY,

Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Knight Commander of the Royal Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, &c. &c. &c.

THE ADDRESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

We, Her Majesty's Loyal Subjects the Legislative Council of Nova-Scotia, thank Your Excellency for the Speech with which you have been pleased to open the present Session of the General Assembly.

We participate in the feeling of gratification expressed by Your Excellency on the continued peace and happiness enjoyed by this portion of the Dominions of a beloved Sovereign, whose power, resting on affection and influenced by Constitutional Government, shields us from the anarchy and confusion now existing in other nations.

We thank Your Excellency for the information which you have conveyed to us relative to several important subjects now engaging the attention of Your Excellency for the advancement of the Colony.

The Railway designed to connect this Province with Canada, by which the productions of a large and fertile portion of the Colonial Dependencies in North America may be conveyed to our Ports—a similar undertaking through the Western Counties which will necessarily facilitate the transit of Agricultural Products from a fine District to the Capital—the measures adopted for the establishment of a uniform rate of Postage—and the Electric Telegraph, by which new and extraordinary methods have been effected for the most rapid transmission of thought—demand all our attention ; and we may well assure Your Excellency that our best efforts shall be directed to bring these projects to a successful result.

For several years the failure of the Crops, and the general depression of business in the Commercial world, necessarily diminished the private as well as the public resources of this country ; but the Fisheries having for the past year been attended with an average degree of success—and the taxation on those articles more immediately required by