22nd May, 1855.

His Excellency Charles Henry Darling, Esquire, *Governor*.

been deferred until the Executive was in a position to establish the new form of Government in all its completeness; but the expiration on the 27th instant, of the Act under which our entire Revenue, with a trifling exception, is levied and collected, renders, as you will be fully aware, such a delay on my part impossible.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

I rely upon your just sense of the emergency and your reasonable view of the present position of affairs, to avert the injurious consequences to every interest of the Colony, and to every class of its inhabitants, which would result from the sudden cessation of its Revenue.

You will, I doubt not, see the wisdom of adopting a measure which, while accomplishing that paramount object, will at the same time leave it open to you to resort at an early date to such further financial legislation as may be rendered necessary by the decision of the Legislature, in respect to the treaty for establishing Reciprocal Free Trade with the United States, which has been recently concluded under the enlightened auspices of the late Governor General of Canada.

I have every confidence, that when the proper moment shall arrive, you will be found ready to grant the necessary Supplies for the efficient conduct of the Public Service, and for covering the expenditure unavoidably incurred on account of the year 1854.

Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Council:
Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

I shall cause an authentic copy of the Act of the Imperial Parliament embodying and carrying into effect the Treaty with the United States, to which I have referred, to be laid before you.

By its concluding section, you will observe that power is conveyed to me to extend the provisions of the Treaty to Newfoundland, should you see fit to follow, in this regard, the course which the Legislatures of the other North American Provinces have wisely, as I conceive, adopted.