

THURSDAY and FRIDAY 27th and 28th NOVEMBER, 1834.

Ordered, That the said Letter and accompanying Papers do lie on the Table, and be printed in the Appendix.

(See Appendix, No. 1.)

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

Friday, 28th November, 1834.

PRAYERS.

Address to His Excellency reported

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

To His Excellency Major-General Sir COLIN CAMPBELL, Knight Commander of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, 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,

WE, the Representatives of His Majesty's loyal Subjects, the people of Nova-Scotia, humbly thank Your Excellency for the Speech with which You have been pleased to open the present Session of the General Assembly.

In the selection of Your Excellency to administer the Government of this Province, we recognize another gratifying instance of that paternal care which has been extended by a succession of Sovereigns, and by none more signally than His present Most Gracious Majesty, to this highly favored portion of the Empire; and in the assurance You give us of Your desire to conduct Your Government on just and constitutional principles, as well as in Your Excellency's high character, we feel we possess a pledge, that Your Excellency's measures will be conducive to the happiness of the People and the prosperity of the Province.

We pray Your Excellency to convey to His Majesty our deep regret that, we were not enabled, during the last Session, to adjust in a satisfactory manner, the proposition submitted to us respecting the Crown Revenues; and we are assured that His Majesty, in correctly estimating the difficulties of the question, will have attributed to those difficulties the failure of a final arrangement of this subject, and not to any indisposition on our part to come to a definite conclusion upon it.

We shall take an early opportunity of entering upon the consideration of that of the Quit Rents, with an anxious desire to adopt such measures as may be acceptable to His Majesty, without compromising the constitutional rights of our constituents.

We tender our thanks for the candor which distinguishes Your Excellency's first Communication to the Assembly, and for thus immediately announcing to us the Business which induced you to call us to together at an earlier period than usual. We promise equal openness in our Communications with Your Excellency; and we trust we may be enabled to obviate the difficulties which now appear to Your Excellency to threaten embarrassment to Your Administration of the Government.

We will give our best consideration to every subject, which Your Excellency may be pleased to submit to us, in the course of the Session, and we will use the utmost diligence in attending to the public business.

It will afford us much gratification, if by any measures to be adopted by the Assembly, our Commercial distress may be diminished or relieved; and we will not fail to direct our attention to the enactment of such Laws as may appear to us to conduce to so desirable a result.

Our grateful praise is due to ALMIGHTY GOD for the late plentiful Harvest, and we are particularly obliged to Your Excellency for the mention you have been pleased to make of our Agricultural Prosperity, the main source from whence the Inhabitants of this Province must derive plenty and independence.

Fatal as was the Epidemic, which so lately and awfully afflicted this Town, we have reason to be thankful that it did not extend its ravages over the rest of the Province. We entirely concur with Your Excellency in the propriety of adopting the most effectual means to mitigate the horrors of that distressing Malady, should it again prevail amongst us, and we shall direct our earliest attention to the Establishment of an effective Police for that purpose. The Inhabitants of Halifax have ever been foremost in extending Charity to the sick, the poor, and the destitute, and we receive Your Excellency's approval of their liberality and humanity, and of the exertions of the Board