

any legacies which should not happen to have been paid before the date at which this Bill is to commence. He thought the time of payment to be a proper time for their being liable to the tax, whether bequeathed before or after the date of the present Bill.

The Bill passed the Committee without

any amendments, and the report was ordered to be received to-morrow.

The evidence of Mr. Ralph Edwards was then heard on the subject of the tobacco bill, Mr. Hobart being in the chair of the Committee. After a detail of evidence, the House adjourned.

SPEECH of His Excellency JOHN PARR, Esq; Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c. to the COUNCIL and HOUSE of ASSEMBLY.

Gentlemen of the Council and House of Assembly,

IT is with the utmost satisfaction I can acquaint you, that those gloomy apprehensions under which our minds were so heavily oppressed, during the last session, on account of the indisposition of our most gracious Sovereign, cannot now any longer exist, as the perfect re-establishment of his Majesty's health, has entirely removed all such dread and fears; and restored to his Majesty's subjects that abundant happiness, of which they are so duly and justly sensible.

Your exertions, Gentlemen, for promoting the welfare of this Province, through the means of agriculture and commerce, have given sufficient proofs of your attention to the only objects, which being wisely pursued, will gradually bring you to a flourishing and prosperous condition.

I have called you now together, as early as this season of the year would permit, to resume the consideration of these matters; and, at the same time, to consult about the most proper and effectual means for discharging the accumulated and increasing debt for which the Province is engaged, that by providing a satisfactory security for the payment of each individual, the public credit may be fully established, and a good foundation laid for every laudable undertaking.

This, Gentlemen, is a matter of so great and necessary importance, that I need not press it on you, as I am fully sensible, that you will enter on the consideration of it, with all that attention and zeal, which the nature of it requires.

The revival, amendment, and necessary continuation of expiring laws together with the consideration of the weighty matters I have already mentioned to you, will require your unanimity and dispatch.

Those papers which shall be requisite for your information, will be laid before you by the public officers.

Gentlemen,

My earnest wish is the happiness of this Province, which is a duty incumbent on me to promote. And I rely on your efforts, towards the accomplishment of that important purpose, which so necessarily calls on your consideration and attention.

To his Excellency

JOHN PARR, Esq;
Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over his Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

The humble Address of his Majesty's Council in General Assembly.

IT gives his Majesty's Council the highest satisfaction to learn from your Excellency's speech, at the opening of this session of the General Assembly, the perfect re-establishment of his Majesty's health, which ensures to all his faithful subjects a further continuance of those blessings they have so long enjoyed under his just and wise government.

The agriculture and commerce of this part of the British dominions, being objects of the first magnitude, and by which its prosperity can be best advanced, shall, as they ought, claim our attention and utmost support, more especially as the benefits arising from them must in a great measure centre in the parent state.

We beg leave to assure your Excellency that we shall heartily concur with the House of Assembly in any effectual means that may be adopted to reduce or discharge the debt of this Province, and in all other measures that may tend to establish the good faith and credit of the government, and the honor and happiness of your Excellency's administration.