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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

SATURDAY, 25d JANUARY, 1856.

THE HOUSE MET PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT.

PRESENT:

The Hon. The Chief Justice,
The Lord Bishop,
T. N. Jeffery,
S. B. Robie,
Charles R. Prescott,

The Hon. Samuel Cunard,
Henry H. Cogswell,
Peter McNab,
James Tobin,
Joseph Allison.

PRAYERS.

The House waited upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor with their Address 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 ADDRESS OF HIS MAJESTY'S COUNCIL:

May it please Your Excellency,

His Majesty's Council thank your Excellency for your Speech at the opening of this Session of the General Assembly. It affords them much pleasure to know that your visits to many parts of this Province have been productive of gratification to you; and that personal observation has enabled your Excellency to bear testimony to the favourable appearance of the Province, and the industry of its inhabitants. Address

They have great reason to be thankful for the abundant harvest, with which it has pleased Divine Providence to bless the land. The plenty thus produced will add much to the general welfare, and contribute largely to the returning prosperity of the Province.

They also receive with much satisfaction the assurance that the Fisheries on the coast have been unusually productive the past year. This branch of business affording the means of employment to an indefinite extent, and a source of emolument to the enterprising, merits the attentive consideration of the Legislature. It is very desirable that due encouragement should be given and adequate protection afforded to all British subjects who may be engaged in that employment. They earnestly hope that the Parent Government will be induced to prevent any Foreign interference with this important right of its own subjects.

His Majesty's Council entirely concur in the opinion heretofore expressed by your Excellency on the subject of the Great Roads of the Province, they trust that a system may be found and adopted better calculated than the present, for the management of a branch of the Public Service so very essential to the improvement and prosperity of the country. The Council will be most happy if, by any labour of theirs, they can assist in the attainment of an object so desirable.

Fully sensible of the importance of facilitating the diffusion of the higher branches of education as extensively as the circumstances of the Province will permit, His Majesty's Council will readily co-operate in such measures as may be best calculated to accomplish that object; with this view they will enter upon the consideration of the practicability of uniting King's and Dalhousie Colleges, upon such broad principles of liberality and efficiency as may be calculated to engage the feelings and secure the support of all classes of the community, in favour of the proposed United Colleges.

Knowing that the establishment of common and grammar Schools is of vast importance to the character, conduct and prosperity, of the Inhabitants of the Province, they will give their anxious consideration to the mode in which these institutions can be made most beneficial to the whole population.

His Majesty's Council are fully sensible of the expediency of placing the Post Office Establishment in Nova-Scotia more within the controul of Provincial authority, especially as relates to internal postage, and will readily concur in such enactments as may be best suited to meet the views of His Majesty's Government, and the interests of the Province.

His Majesty's Council are convinced that the erection of Light-Houses on the Islands of Scatarie and St. Paul, is called for by every feeling of humanity. This measure will guard to a great extent the commercial and shipping interest in Great-Britain and the North American Colonies. They trust that it will be adopted without delay, and that all who are benefitted by it will readily contribute to the expenses of supporting such necessary Establishments.

His Majesty's Council receive with great satisfaction Your Excellency's congratulations upon the health and tranquillity which the Province has enjoyed during the past year, and they most fervently hope that it may please the Almighty to continue these blessings to this Country.