

To his EXCELLENCY the RIGHT HONORABLE

Lord WILLIAM CAMPBELL,

Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over his Majesty's Province of *Nova-Scotia*, or *Acadie* in *America*, and its Dependencies, Vice Admiral of the same, &c. &c.

The humble Address of the House of Assembly.

' May it please your Excellency,

Address.

' **T**HE House of Assembly having, agreeable
' to your Excellency's Message of the 31st of
' October, had under Consideration the present State
' of the Light-house, find that the Dues established
' are higher than any Duty of the like Nature in the
' neighbouring Governments, and that increasing the
' the same would have a Tendency to discourage
' Trade; that all Merchant Vessels anchoring with-
' in Mauger's Beach, tho' not coming to the Town,
' are liable to pay Light-Money, which hitherto has
' not been collected; That the late Collectors be-
' ing unacquainted with the Tonnage of Shipping,
' have not received in general more than three
' Fourths of the Dues from the respective Masters
' of Vessels at clearing out, that a Part of the
' Money collected for this Purpose has been paid for
' Supplies to the Pilot-boat, which the House appre-
' hend ought not to have been done: and whereas by
' the present Manner of collecting the Dues, and pur-
' chasing Oyl, Wick, Candles, &c. the Light-house
' is become a very considerable Burthen to the Pro-
' vince, the House therefore humbly recommend that
' the whole Business of the Light-house be farm'd
' out on the best Terms, to some Person who shall
' give good Security for the faithful performance of
' the Trust, or that it be put on such a prudent
' Footing, as that the Government may not be at
' any Expence, as the House apprehend the Income
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