
JOURNAL AND PROCEEDINGS

OF

The House of Assembly,

OF

THE PROVINCE OF NOVA-SCOTIA.

Thursday, 14th February, 1822.

A Message from His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by Mr. Secretary George :
Mr. Speaker,

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor commands this House to attend His Excellency immediately in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the House went up to attend His Excellency in the Council Chamber.

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported that the House had attended His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor in the Council Chamber, where His Excellency had been pleased to make a Speech, of which, Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a Copy, which he read to the House, and is as follows :

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council :

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

IN the course of the last Summer, I had the satisfaction of visiting a considerable portion of the Province; and I was particularly gratified to observe a spirit of increasing industry, and of Agricultural emulation, extending rapidly among all classes of the Inhabitants.

In some Districts considerable distress is unfortunately felt, occasioned by the great depreciation, which Property of all kinds has experienced within these two years; but embarrassments, arising from the same cause, are felt in the Mother Country, and indeed, in every part of the World with which we have any Commercial Communication.

Such evils, however, though very serious and distressing to individuals, are not unfrequently productive of some eventual good. We have the happiness of living in a Country, where Taxes are little known; and where, under the paternal protection of a powerful Empire, every man may securely enjoy the fruits of his labor and industry without public burthens of any kind to check his exertions. The Inhabitants of Nova-Scotia are, I am persuaded, not insensible of this great blessing: Indeed, the difficulties which are now experienced, have already called forth increased exertions on their part; and will tend, I hope, firmly to establish, in all classes of the community, habits of economy, prudence and industry; the possession of which inestimable virtues, cannot fail to secure to the Inhabitants of this young and growing Country, Independence and Happiness.

Mr.