

FRIDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1838.

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 Her 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, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Representatives of Her Majesty's loyal People of Nova-Scotia, thank your Excellency for the Speech with which you have been pleased to open the present Session, and condole with your Excellency on the demise of our late Gracious Sovereign William the Fourth, whose blessed memory is endeared to the People of Nova-Scotia by the paternal attachment He extended towards its inhabitants, among whom he spent part of his early life. The accession to the Throne of the British Empire of his august Niece, Queen Victoria, daughter of His Royal Highness the late Duke of Kent, has been hailed throughout her extensive dominions with rapturous and enthusiastic loyalty; and her youth and sex have no where a stronger claim to attachment than in this Province, where the memory of her illustrious Father is gratefully cherished.

Address as reported

The regret we feel for the recent insurrection in the Canadas is mitigated by a knowledge that it has become suppressed in the Lower Province, and we feel proud that the Constitutional Force of the Upper Province has defeated the traitorous attempt to cast off British allegiance, and are gratified to learn that the Government of the United States is determined to adhere to the pacific treaties subsisting between the two Nations, and to preserve that neutrality which may leave the desperate Band of Conspirators encamped at Navy Island no alternative but submission to a just and indignant Government.

The attachment of Nova-Scotians to Her Majesty's Person and Government has ever been unshaken, and recent events have only caused it to be more openly and frequently expressed.

We are pleased to hear from your Excellency that the blessings of Divine Providence have produced an abundant harvest, and that the labours of the Husbandman throughout the Country have been rewarded with plenty.

We are disposed to view the provisional establishment of two distinct Councils as evidence of the gracious attention which has been paid to the representations addressed by this Assembly to the Throne during the last Session, and it shall not be our fault if this important alteration is not attended with all the advantages by which, when we advised the measure, we expected it would be accompanied.

We thank your Excellency for directing the Public Accounts to be submitted to us, and you may rely on our disposition to provide for the necessary support of Her Majesty's Government.

We are happy to learn that the Revenue has considerably increased during the past year, and that the receipts have been more than sufficient to meet all the demands on the Treasury. The recommendation of an economical application of our means we feel is founded on an enlightened view of the wants and resources of this young country, and your Excellency may be assured that it shall be our constant endeavour to keep the expenditure of the Province within its income.

The Militia Law, to a revision of which your Excellency has called our attention, was framed upon the conviction that the old system, while it was burthensome to the Country, was productive of no corresponding advantage, the time which was devoted to trainings being insufficient to communicate discipline or military skill. Should we find, however, any thing in the present aspect of the times, or in the events which have occurred during the recess, to require a revival of the old Law or the adoption of more efficient enactments, Your Excellency may rely on our anxiety to secure the peace and strengthen the Constitutional defences while we husband the resources of the Province.