

“ public Debt ; it will therefore necessarily engage your particular
 “ Attention to provide the means for discharging the increased Debt,
 “ in Justice to those to whom the Province is indebted, and to preserve
 “ the public Credit. Amongst the several matters you thought pro-
 “ per Objects of Attention and Encouragement you have judiciously
 “ distinguished the Culture of Hemp, I need not inform you how
 “ much, nor the Reason, that the raising Hemp should be attended to
 “ with the best Consideration and utmost Exertion. And I am to ac-
 “ quaint you that His Excellency Lord DORCHESTER, His Majesty’s
 “ Governor-General in North America, has required from me to be
 “ informed whether by any reasonable Encouragement Hemp could be
 “ raised in this Province to advantage and imported into Great Britain.
 “ As no time can be so fit for an Enquiry into this Matter as the
 “ present, it will therefore be an Object of your particular Considera-
 “ tion, that from the Result I may be enabled to give His Excellency
 “ sufficient and satisfactory Information concerning it. In the course
 “ of the Sessions you will re-enact all such Laws as shall expire at the
 “ End of this Year, and shall appear useful and necessary. From the
 “ public Offices you will receive all Papers necessary for your Infor-
 “ mation, and I assure you, Gentlemen, of my Readiness on all Oc-
 “ casions to promote the Prosperity of this Country.

After which, the House returned, and the same was read, and taken into Consideration, and thereupon

Committee appointed to prepare an Address.

Ordered, That the Solicitor-General, Mr. Wallace, and Mr. Putnam, be a Committee to prepare an Address, in Answer to His Excellency’s Speech.

The House adjourned to Monday at 11 o’Clock.

Monday 29th October, 1787.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Address, in Answer to His Excellency’s Speech, reported a Draft, which being read Paragraph by Paragraph, was agreed to by the House, and is as follows :

T O H I S E X C E L L E N C Y

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Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over His Majesty’s Province of Nova-Scotia, the Islands of St. John, Cape-Breton, &c.

The Humble ADDRESS of the House of REPRESENTATIVES
 in GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

May it please your Excellency,

Address reported.

“ **W**E the Representatives of His Majesty’s faithful Province of
 “ Nova-Scotia, in General Assembly convened, beg leave to re-
 “ turn you our unfeigned Thanks for your Speech at the opening of
 “ the Sessions.

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