

I shall direct the public Accounts, with other necessary Papers to be laid before you; and you may always depend on my ready Concurrence with you, in such Measures as may appear to be conducive to his Majesty's Service, and beneficial to the Province.

On Motion *ordered*, That Mr. *Sterns*, Mr. *Tenge*, and Mr. *Millidge* be a Committee to prepare an Address in Answer to his Excellency's Speech.

Resolved, That no Petition of a private Nature, be received after Monday the 23d Instant.

Ordered, That Mr. *Cochran*, Mr. *McMonagle*, Mr. *Millidge*, Mr. *Sterns*, and Mr. *Dewolf*, be a Committee of this House, for the purpose of examining the public Accounts, jointly with a Committee of his Majesty's Council, and for reporting thereon, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith.

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow at One of the Clock.

Friday, 13th March, 1795.

PRAYERS.

A Message was received from the Council, informing the House they had appointed a Committee, to join a Committee of this House, to examine and report on the public Accounts; and that their Committee would be ready to meet the Committee of this House, in the Committee Room of the Council, on the said Business whenever they may be notified for that Purpose.

Ordered, That the Committee do attend, and give due notice to the Committee of the Council accordingly.

Mr. *Sterns*, reported from the Committee appointed Yesterday, to draw up an Address to be presented to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor; that the Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly, which they had directed him to report to the House; and he read the same in his Place, and afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where the same was read; and is as follows.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY

JOHN WENTWORTH, L. L. D.

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 the House of Representatives, in GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

May it please your Excellency,

WE his Majesty's faithful Subjects the Commons of *Nova-Scotia* in *General Assembly* convened; return your Excellency our sincere Thanks, for your Speech at the opening of the present Session, and gratefully acknowledge your Excellency's good Intention in calling us together at a Season of the Year, which you deemed most convenient to those of us, who are engaged in the Pursuits of Agriculture.

It is with great Satisfaction, we receive your Excellency's Assurance, that the present Revenue, is not only sufficient to answer all the current Expences of the Government, but affords such a Surplus, as to effect a considerable Reduction of the public Debt of the Province, and we contemplate with great Satisfaction, the pleasing Prospect, of a final Extinguishment of it, at no very distant Period.

Such Laws as are near expiring, and such as shall appear to require Revision and Amendment, shall be the first Objects of our Attention.

Convinced