

TO HIS EXCELLENCY LIEUTENANT-GENERAL

SIR JAMES KEMPT,

Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honorable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant-Governor, and Commander in Chief, in and over His 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, His Majesty's dutiful Subjects, the Representatives of His loyal People of Nova-Scotia, impressed with a grateful sense of the interest Your Excellency has ever manifested for the welfare of the Colony, derive from your return to it, after so long an absence, the highest gratification; and we acknowledge ourselves truly sensible of the prosperity and happiness enjoyed in this part of His Majesty's Dominions.

It affords us peculiar satisfaction to learn from your Excellency the prosperous condition of the Province and the increase of its Revenue. Of the former, no greater proof can be given than the rare occurrence of Public Crime—the prevention of which is justly attributable to the due administration of the Laws—to the improved circumstances and moral character of the People.

WE thank your Excellency for the pleasure you have expressed upon the removal of the restrictions on the Colonial Trade; and we sincerely hope the policy of our Mother Country, now equally just and liberal, will be attended with the extensive commercial advantages and other benefits anticipated to the Province. In the course of a few years the effect of this great measure will become better known and more fully appreciated.

THE expectation of a considerable increase of Revenue from the Duties which the Imperial Parliament has deemed it proper to impose upon Foreign Productions imported into the Colonies will, we sincerely hope, be fully realized.

THE additional Revenue will tend to increase and protect the industry of the Province, to promote plans for internal improvement, and eventually enable us to enter upon the important consideration of relieving the Parent State in some degree from the expense of our Civil Establishment.

WE thank your Excellency for directing the Public Accounts to be laid before us at this early period; and are pleased to know that the Revenue has been zealously and regularly collected, and been so greatly increased by the payments from the Officers of His Majesty's Customs; and your Excellency may rely upon our providing, to the extent of the means of the Province, the necessary Supplies for the supporting His Majesty's Government.

WE most cordially concur in your Excellency's sentiment upon the importance of establishing Schools throughout the Country, and of making due provision for the instruction of the Poor. The necessity of now adopting some effectual and permanent system for their support, is acknowledged by all, and this subject will therefore command our immediate and most serious attention.

WE are equally sensible with your Excellency of the importance to this Colony of an inland navigation between the Harbour of Halifax and the Basin of Mines: the experience of similar works in the old and new Countries, shews the great and important benefits resulting therefrom, and it affords us no little satisfaction to find that the practicability of this important undertaking has been ascertained by the scientific report of a competent Engineer during the past year.

WE trust the Province has received advantage from the establishment of the Provincial Agricultural Society; and we will duly consider the expediency of supporting the farming interests by a renewal of the Charter of that Institution or by such other encouragement as this great branch of public industry so justly deserves: nor shall we be unmindful of the value and importance of the Fisheries, which, that they may derive the full effect of a free trade and extensive markets, it will be our duty to protect and assist by such aids as it may be in our power to bestow.

THE firm, judicious and impartial manner in which your Excellency has discharged your public duties, demands our warmest acknowledgements; and we beg your Excellency to believe, that on our part nothing shall be wanting to insure the continuance of that perfect reliance which has ever been reposed on your Excellency's Administration.

Resolved, That the said Address be presented to His Excellency, by the whole House.