

THURSDAY, 26th JANUARY, 1832.

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PRAYERS.

Mr. Stewart reported from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech, that the Committee had drawn up an Address accordingly; and he afterwards delivered it in at the Clerk's Table, where it was read, and is as follows:

To His Excellency Lieutenant-General Sir PEREGRINE MAITLAND, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable 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, the Representatives of His Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects the People of Nova-Scotia, thank your Excellency for your Speech at the opening of the present Session of the Provincial Parliament. We are gratified by your Excellency's consideration of our wishes in calling us together earlier than usual, and for the expression of your Excellency's desire again to co-operate with us in our endeavours to promote the public welfare.

The introduction of such new Laws as the circumstances of the Country may render expedient, the revision and continuation of those about to expire, and especially of that relating to Common Schools, will receive our serious attention. Your Excellency may rely upon our anxiety to provide for the support of Education, and we will diligently consider any communication which your Excellency may be pleased to make to us, on this and every other subject.

While we regret that our Fisheries have not proved so successful as could have been desired, we cannot but cordially join with your Excellency in returns of gratitude for the abundant harvest of the last Season, for the general prosperity of the Province, and for the enjoyment of these and other blessings, free from the fatal calamities which have afflicted other Countries.

The malady alluded to by your Excellency, which there is but little doubt has now extended to Great-Britain, demands our immediate consideration. We highly approve of your Excellency's adoption of the measures of prevention, to which you have already had recourse, and, participating in your Excellency's well-grounded fears on this Subject, we will anxiously endeavour to provide every additional precaution against the introduction or extension of this alarming disease.

We thank your Excellency for directing the Public Accounts and Estimate to be laid before us; and we will cheerfully provide for the necessary expences of His Majesty's Government.

While the unusually large amount of the Securities in the Excise of this Port, affords gratifying proof of the extension of our Commerce, we concur with your Excellency in ascribing the diminution of the Customs Receipts, in some measure, to the remission of the duties on American Vessels, and the other regulations consequent on the opening of the Ports of the United States to the Colonies.

That His Majesty remembers with pleasure, the affectionate loyalty and attachment, which he witnessed in this Province, excites in us pride and gratification, and these feelings are much increased by the expression of His wish, that His Loyal Subjects in Nova-Scotia should be informed of His unabated regard, and of the constancy and warmth of His desire to promote their happiness. We pray your Excellency to convey to the foot of the Throne, our assurance of their undiminished loyalty, and fervent wishes for the prosperous Reign of a Monarch, who has uniformly evinced an ardent desire to secure and maintain the rights and liberties, and to promote the happiness, of His People.