

am informed that very large contributions will be made for such an object, by public spirited individuals throughout the Province. The liberality of the Legislature should encourage the enterprize; and you may be assured that it shall have my countenance and aid.

A measure will be submitted for reducing the cost of Marriage Licenses, and making provision for issuing them in the several Counties, by which the inconvenience and delays that result from the present system, will be avoided.

That you will address yourselves to the consideration and despatch of the public business, with due earnestness and zeal, I am well assured; and you may rely upon my very sincere desire so to exercise the prerogatives of the Crown, as to draw from your Legislative labors the highest guarantee, that while promoting the happiness of Her subjects, I shall secure the approbation of my Sovereign.

The House of Assembly then withdrew, and His Excellency was pleased to retire soon after.

H. A. withdraw.  
H. E. retires.

Mr. Bell presented a Bill relative to the administration of Criminal Justice—which was read a first time.

Bill pro forma read.

*Ordered*, That the said Bill be read a second time at a future day.

The President reported His Excellency's Speech, and the same being read by the Clerk,

Speech reported.

Mr. Kenny moved that an Address be presented to His Excellency in answer to his Speech—which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered it to the Clerk, who read the same as follows:

Address in answer moved.

**To His Excellency Colonel**

**SIR JOHN GASPARD LE MARCHANT,**

*Knight, Knight Commander of the Orders of Saint Ferdinand and of Charles the Third of Spain, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief, in and over Her Majesty's Province of Nova-Scotia, and its Dependencies, Chancellor of the same, &c., &c., &c.*

### THE ADDRESS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

*May it please your Excellency:*

We, Her Majesty's loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia, thank your Excellency for the Speech which invites us to resume our legislative duties, with aspirations of thankfulness to the Giver of all Good.

Address.

We recognize in the rich abundance of the blessings with which we are favored, and the peace and health in which we are permitted to enjoy them, the superintending care and goodness from whence all are derived.

The correspondence respecting the Railway Bills passed during the last Session, to which Her Majesty has given Her assent, shall receive our most careful attention and consideration.

We highly appreciate your Excellency's zealous efforts to promote the interests of Agriculture by introducing a superior breed of Cattle, and by directing attention to, and exciting an interest in, improving the products of the soil; and we congratulate your Excellency on the results. We shall cheerfully aid your Excellency in the prosecution of these important objects.

The