

I regret very much that it should have become necessary to convene you at a season of the year at which it must be inconvenient to many of you to leave your homes ; but it is satisfactory to me to know that the business on which you are summoned to deliberate, is of such a nature as leads me to hope that it may be readily dispatched, and that its early completion will enable me at once to release you from further attendance.

Address moved in
answer to Speech

Mr. Fairbanks then moved the following Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech and that the same do pass :

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE

LUCIUS BENTINCK,

VISCOUNT FALKLAND,

Knight Grand Cross of the Guelphic Order, and Member of Her Majesty's Most Honorable Privy Council, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over Her 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 Her Majesty's loyal subjects, the people of Nova Scotia, thank your Excellency for the Speech with which you have been pleased to open this Session of the General Assembly.

We beg leave to assure your Excellency that we shall give our best consideration to the subject which your Excellency informs us Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies, has found it proper to submit to the Legislature of this Province, when the Despatches referred to in your Excellency's Speech shall be before us ; and agreeing with your Excellency in regretting that it should be found necessary to call the Legislature together at this season, we shall be happy to find that the subject of our deliberations may be readily dispatched, to which end we shall deem it our duty to direct our attention.

Which, being seconded,

The said Address was read clause by clause.

And the several clauses were respectively agreed to by the House : and thereupon,

Resolved, That the Address do pass.

Ordered, That the Address be engrossed.

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

Ordered, That Mr. Fraser, Mr. Creighton, and Mr. Desbarres be a Committee to examine and report on the expiring Laws.

A Petition of Isaac Coaldwell and others, Freeholders of the Township of Horton, in King's County, was presented by Mr. Benjamin and read, setting forth that at the last Election for said Township, three voters were objected to and sworn, that the description of their property was taken down in all the Poll Books, but on the Sheriff's Poll Book there is an omission of the words "objected and sworn," but that those words are found opposite each of the said three voters names, on the Poll Books kept by the Candidates' Clerks ; and that as the Law relating to Elections provides that such votes as are not objected to, cannot be scrutinized, Petitioners pray that this House will take the matter into consideration, and order that the Sheriff now presiding on the Scrutiny, be allowed to amend his Poll Book so far as relates to any omission in regard to the said three voters, that their votes may be scrutinized now, before the Sheriff presiding at the Scrutiny.

Ordered, That the Petition do lie on the Table.

Then the House adjourned until Monday next, at twelve of the clock.

Address read clause
by clause

Address passed

To be presented by
whole House

Com. on expiring
Laws

Petition from Free-
holders of Horton
relating to omission
of objection to votes
on Sheriffs' Poll
Book

Monday,