

9th January, 1841.

HENRY PRESCOTT, Esquire, C. B., *Governor.*

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported the Address without Amendment.

Ordered, that the Report be received.

The Address having being read, as follows :—

To His Excellency HENRY PRESCOTT, Esquire, Companion of the Most Honorable Address.
Military Order of the Bath, Governor and Commander-in-Chief, in and over the
Island of Newfoundland and its Dependencies.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

WE, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Council of Newfoundland, in General Assembly convened, beg to offer to Your Excellency our humble thanks for your Speech on opening the present Session of the Legislature.

We sincerely participate in your Excellency's feelings on the late attempt on the life of our beloved Sovereign, for whose providential escape from the horrid designs of an unhappy maniac, we exult in heartfelt gratitude.

In common with all her Majesty's loyal subjects, we sincerely rejoice in the birth of an Heir to Her Majesty's Throne ; and we joyfully avail ourselves of this occasion to offer our affectionate and respectful congratulations on that auspicious event.

We thank Your Excellency for your promise to lay before us certain Correspondence which has passed respecting two of the Acts of the last Session ; and we beg respectfully to assure you that the Land Bill, when the subject shall come before us, shall receive our best consideration ; as shall likewise the Report of the Geological Surveyor.

We readily concur in the recommendation of Your Excellency respecting the Appropriation of the Buildings in Fort William ; and we shall be prepared to unite with the other Branch of the Legislature in ascertaining the mode by which they may be rendered most available to the service of the public, in affording that accommodation to the General Assembly, which is acknowledged to be indispensably requisite.

We have contemplated with the deepest regret the disorderly proceedings and outrages, which have characterized the two Elections of Members of the House of Assembly, which have been held since the last Session of the General Assembly, and more especially that in the District of Conception Bay ; and we shall give our serious consideration to any measure which the representatives of the people may originate, with a view to their prevention in future.

To the circular Despatch recommending the formation of Roads for the purpose of facilitating Post Office communication, and to the enactment of a general Road Bill on the principle suggested by Your Excellency, we shall be prepared to devote our best attention ; as well as to any measure which may be devised to guard the public from the introduction of contagious disease.

We shall gladly concur with Your Excellency and the other Branch of the Legislature, in the enactment of such a Bill as may appear to us calculated to promote the great blessings of Christian and Moral Education among Her Majesty's subjects in this ancient possession of Her Crown.

We entirely coincide in Your Excellency's suggestions with respect to the means of subduing the calamity of Fire when it unfortunately occurs ; and shall cheerfully join in the adoption of such measures on this head, as on due investigation may appear expedient.

We shall not fail to give our best consideration to any enactment that may be deemed necessary and expedient in order to define the relative Rights of Fishermen and their Employers, and which may serve as a guide for the Colonial Tribunals.

We thank Your Excellency for the offer of your assistance in our efforts to promote the public good ; and we beg to assure you that no exertion on our part shall be wanting to maintain, in all our intercourse both with Your Excellency and with the other Branch of the Legis-