

of Nova-Scotia, to receive with thankfulness as the beneficent gifts of a Gracious God, the blessings which have crowned the past year. Among those blessings we acknowledge with peculiar gratitude the tranquillity with which we have been favored, while our fellow Colonists in Lower and Upper Canada have been suffering the miseries of a state of War; and we earnestly hope that the period may be near at hand which shall restore to them the blessings of peace.

In proportion as we appreciate the advantages of good order and security, we cannot fail to execrate the conduct of those men, who, being Her Majesty's Subjects, have forgotten their just allegiance; and of those, who being subjects of a Country at peace with Great-Britain, have violated the faith of Nations, and by their countenance, pecuniary aid, or personal efforts, have become the agents of spreading, as far as their power has extended, murder, rapine, and every disorder, among our fellow subjects in Canada.

We have admired the bravery with which every attempt to obtain a hostile footing in the Canadas has been repulsed by their loyal and gallant defenders; and we enter with deep feeling into the sufferings of the families of those who have fallen in the cause of their Country.

We believe that the connection of Nova-Scotia, and the several British North American Provinces, with the Parent State, is conducive to the best interests of both, and rejoice in the conviction, that it is Her Majesty's desire and resolution to preserve that Union inviolate.

The advantages to Nova-Scotia and the neighbouring Provinces, from the establishment of Steam Packets between England and Halifax, are so great, that we trust the Legislatures of the several Provinces will shew their grateful sense of the liberality of Her Majesty's Government, and their hearty co-operation in the plan, by uniting in every arrangement in their power requisite for promoting the most expeditious communication between Halifax, New-Brunswick and Quebec, and for diffusing and rendering effective this most useful measure. We are grateful that Her Majesty's Government has given its serious attention to the interruption of the Fisheries on the Coasts of this Province by American Citizens, and has adopted measures of relief. We trust that the armed force intended to be stationed on our Coasts, for the redress of this serious grievance, may be fully adequate, and shall be happy to find that the American Government has rendered effective co-operation for that object.

We are happy to be assured that we shall receive from Your Excellency, the replies which Your Excellency informs us Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to return to our Addresses to the Throne in the last Session.

Your Excellency may rely on our continued assiduity in the discharge of our duties, and our ready concurrence in all measures which shall conduce to the advantage and welfare of this Province.

The President informed the House, that, in compliance with the request of the House, he had waited upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, to know when he would be pleased to receive this House with their Address; and that His Excellency had been pleased to appoint the hour of two of the clock, p. m. of this day, for that purpose.

President reports when H. E. will receive Address

At two of the clock, p. m. the House waited upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor with their Address, and, being returned to the Council Chamber, the Hon. the President informed the House, that His Excellency had been pleased to receive the said Address, and had returned the following reply thereto:—

House wait up on H. E. with Address

*Mr. President, and Hon. Gentlemen of the Legislative Council;*

I return you my best thanks for this Address, and have the fullest reliance on your cordial support and concurrence in all such measures as may tend to the honour and prosperity of this Province.

Reply

Mr. Stewart, the Chairman of the Committee appointed to wait upon His Excellency with the Address requesting His Excellency to appoint a Law Clerk and Clerk of the Parliament to the Legislative Journal, reported that the Committee had performed that duty, and that His Excellency had been pleased to state that he would make such appointment.

Committee to present Law Clerk address reported

A Message was brought from the House of Assembly, by Mr. Whidden, with the following Resolution : Ordered,