

After which Mr. Speaker spake as follows,

*May it please your Excellency,*

Fifty Years have but just elapsed since the first English Settlers landed here. There are Members both of his Majesty's Council and House of Assembly, who recollect, when the first Tree was felled on the Spot where you now preside over the Legislature of a flourishing and happy Colony. We should be the basest and most unworthy of all People were not our Hearts filled with Sentiments of the most grateful and affectionate Attachment to our beloved Sovereign, who from the first Day of his Reign to the present Hour, has never ceased to heap Favours on this Province, and constantly to consult the Safety, Happiness and Security of his faithful People. The unparalleled Favor of our just and good King; and the Munificence of the great and powerful Nation from which we derive our Origin, have under divine Providence been the Cause of our Prosperity. This Country which, but a few Years past was a dreary Wilderness, is now a flourishing Province inhabited by a numerous, happy, brave and loyal People. It shall be our Duty to perpetuate these Sentiments to the latest Posterity, thereby to secure the present Connection between *Great-Britain*, and this Country to the end of Time.

I should ill discharge my Duty, was I not humbly to request, that your Excellency will take every favorable Opportunity to make our Sentiments of Loyalty and Attachment known to his Majesty; and to Assure his Majesty, that it is our firm Determination to stand or fall with the British Government. If it were possible to increase our Sense of the numerous Obligations we owe to our Most Gracious Sovereign, the recent Event of which, we have just received a Confirmation would have its full Effect; an Event which our most sanguine Hopes scarcely led us to expect. The prospect we have of the return of our beloved Prince to this Country fills every Heart with Joy and Gratitude; and when we consider, that his Majesty has deemed us worthy of being commanded by One of his Royal Family, - we must esteem it as one of the strongest Proofs of his paternal Regard to his People in this Country; and I am well convinced Your Excellency will join me, when I say, that the Day on which his Royal Highness, the Duke of KENT, shall again land in *Nova-Scotia*, will be as joyful, as the Day he left us, was the saddest the Province ever experienced.

It is my Duty to present to your Excellency the Appropriation Bill for the ensuing Year, and on behalf of his Majesty's faithful Subjects in this Province, humbly to request Your Excellency's Assent thereto; by it you will perceive, that we have made as ample a Provision for the Support of His Majesty's Government, as the Circumstances and Situation of this Province will admit.

~~We have not much to give, but what we have, we give cheerfully and with pleasure.~~ After seven Years of strict and rigid Oeconomy, we are enabled to Vote a considerable Sum of Money to erect a more suitable Building for the Representative of His Majesty to reside in; and also to repair the great public Roads throughout the Province. It was the wish of the *House of Assembly*, to have extended, if it could, the great Advantage of Roads to the more remote Settlements of the Province, but as that could not be effected the present Session, they can only flatter themselves with the hope, that a Measure of such great public Utility will not be long delayed. As this, most probably, is the last time the present *House of Assembly* will appear before Your Excellency, I should not think, that I had completely fulfilled my Duty, was I to omit expressing the just Sense which the House entertain of the many Marks of Attention and Regard, it has received from your Excellency, and that it has full Confidence in Your Excellency's Zeal to promote the true Interest of this Province.

His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the said Bill following, viz.

An Act for applying certain Monies therein mentioned for the Service of the Year of our Lord One Thousand seven Hundred and Ninety nine, and for appropriating such Part of the Supplies granted in this Session of *General Assembly*, as are not already appropriated by the Laws or Acts of the Province.

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