

His Lordship's views of the principles affecting the administration of Colonial Government, as applicable to this Province in some important particulars, with that respect, and give to it that consideration which are due to the opinions of Her Majesty's Government, on a subject calculated to exercise a powerful influence over the future prosperity of Nova-Scotia.

It is highly gratifying to us to learn that a good and practicable Line for the projected Railroad between this Port and Quebec, has been ascertained by the Officers to whom that exploration was confided; and we shall be prepared to make provision for the payment of the proportion which this Province ought to contribute, of the expenses that have attended that exploration. We thank Your Excellency for the offer of your aid in forwarding such measures as may be proper, consistently with the various wants and interests of the Province, for promoting so great a national undertaking.

The question of the surrender of the Crown Estate in Nova-Scotia to the control and management of the Local Legislature, in exchange for a Civil List, shall receive from us that prompt and earnest consideration which its acknowledged importance demands.

On a subject so interesting as the future management of the Post Office Department throughout the North American Provinces, and the regulation of the Postage payable on the transmission of Letters, it will afford us a high measure of gratification to receive through Your Excellency, a proposal which shall be found conducive to the convenience and the social and intellectual advancement of the people, and the general interests of this Province.

We deplore with Your Excellency the deficiency in the Crops, that has, in a great degree, during the last season, disappointed the hopes of the Farmer, whilst it is consolatory to believe that the Fisheries have, in general, reached their ordinary productiveness; and it is matter of gratification to be informed that the Revenue paid and received during 1847, equals in amount that of the preceding year.

We thank Your Excellency for assuring us that the Accounts of the Public Receipts and Expenditures, during the last year, will be laid before us at the earliest practicable period.

We regret to learn that some considerable expenses have been unavoidably incurred, in consequence of an unexpected influx of Pauper Emigration; and we are gratified to receive Your Excellency's congratulations upon the comparative exemption which has been experienced by Nova-Scotia during the past year, from that sad extent of calamity by which the neighbouring Provinces of Canada and New-Brunswick have been, and continue to be, afflicted.

We regret to be informed by Your Excellency that distress, to a very considerable extent, exists among our own Settlers, and the Indians, in some parts of the Province, especially Cape-Breton, in consequence of the failure of the Crops generally, but more especially of Potatoes.

It affords us satisfaction to be informed, that in affording relief in these cases to a moderate, but it is believed, to a sufficient extent to guard against absolute destitution, Your Excellency has exercised such precautions for the ultimate protection of the Revenue, as were in your power, and we shall give our attentive consideration to the accounts of these expenditures when laid before us.

Your Excellency's assurance of your readiness, at all times, freely to communicate, and cordially to co-operate with the Legislative Council and House of Assembly, for the advancement of any object which may appear calculated to promote the true interests, prospects, and happiness of Her Majesty's loyal subjects of Nova-Scotia, we accept with pleasure, and gratefully acknowledge.

While we are fully sensible of the importance of the various subjects submitted by Your Excellency for our consideration, we feel that in the course it may be advisable to pursue, with reference to measures so intimately connected with the interests