

When the rapid advances of the Colony, during the administration of your Excellency's Predecessor, are duly estimated, it may not partake of enthusiasm to anticipate that, under the auspices of your Government, a still more rapid progression may be realized ; for, although your Excellency may not be a practical Agriculturist, yet the decision, sound judgment, and general knowledge which mark the commencement of your administration, justify the hope that you will discriminate the true interests and real advantages of the people of your charge, and that your parental care, in connection with the energy of your conduct, will lead to a degree of prosperity which will cause every Colonist to deplore the arrival of the painful period when you shall be removed from amongst us.

That your Excellency may be made a blessing to the Inhabitants of this Colony, and that yourself and family may participate every temporal and eternal felicity, are the ardent wishes of,

Your Excellency's

Most obliged and faithful servant,

J. L. LEWELLIN.