

FRIDAY, 21st January, 1848.

PRESENT :

THE HON.

*Mr. Black, President.**Mr. Shore,
Mr. Saunders,
Mr. Chandler,
Mr. Johnston,**Mr. Robinson,
Mr. Attorney General,
Mr. Kinnear,
Mr. Minchin.*

PRAYERS.

Pursuant to the Order of the Day, the House was put into a Committee of the whole to take into consideration the Draft of an Address to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in answer to his Speech at the opening of the Session.

The Honorable Mr. Shore took the Chair.

After some time the House resumed.

The Chairman reported, that the Committee had taken the said Draft into consideration, and recommended the same without amendment to the adoption of the House.

The said Address being read, was approved of by the House, and is as follows :—

To His Excellency Colonel Sir WILLIAM MACBEAN GEORGE COLEBROOKE, Knight of the Hanoverian Guelphic Order, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c. &c.

THE HUMBLE ADDRESS OF HER MAJESTY'S LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, Her Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council in General Assembly, thank Your Excellency for the Speech you have made at the opening of the present Session, and for the early opportunity afforded us to mature the measures which may be called for by the present state of the Province.

We regret with Your Excellency that the returns of last year's Harvest, as compared with the preceding year, have not been so abundant; and, whatever may be the fluctuations of Commerce, we believe it to be of the highest importance to the prosperity of the Country to afford every encouragement to Agriculture, the Fisheries, and other sources of productive wealth.

It is gratifying to learn from Your Excellency that the Act relating to Parish Schools, passed at the last Session, has the prospect of being so extensively beneficial, and that through the assistance of Her Majesty's Government and Your Excellency's unwearied exertions, the means for accomplishing its objects are now in such progress as promise speedily to bring an improved system into active operation.

We thank Your Excellency for the information respecting the exploration for adjusting the Canadian Boundary, offering, as it does, the prospect of a speedy and favourable settlement of the question; and also respecting the direction of a Line of Railway to pass through the Provinces, a measure of vast importance to the whole of British North America, by connecting it more closely with the Mother Country, and greatly augmenting its prosperity; we therefore think any practicable scheme for opening