

WEDNESDAY, 25th JANUARY, 1832.

important Acts which are now about to expire. Among these, permit me to recommend to your patient consideration, that which makes provision for the Common Schools. On objects connected with the public support of Education, as well as some other matters, I shall have occasion to communicate with you by Message.

While you will regret that the unabated exertions employed in our Fisheries have not been attended with the usual measure of success, you will, on the other hand, find much in the general prospect of our circumstances to demand every return of gratitude. The accounts I have received from all parts of the Province afford the pleasing assurance, that the Harvest of the last Season has proved most abundant; and we have been permitted to enjoy this blessing by a merciful exemption from those fatal calamities by which other Countries have been visited.

There is reason to apprehend that the dreadful malady which has so long prevailed in many parts of the World, has reached Great-Britain. Should this fear be well founded, our direct and constant intercourse with the Mother Country will, of course, augment our liability to the contagion, and it is for you to consider whether it will be expedient to strengthen the authorised measures of prevention to which I have had recourse, by any additional regulations, whether calculated to prevent the introduction of the disease, or to guard against its ravages, should it unhappily be introduced.

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;*

I have directed the Public Accounts to be submitted to you, and hope you will be satisfied with the faithful application of the Supply that has been received.—I shall also direct the Estimates for the present year to be laid before you; and I rely with confidence on your disposition to grant to His Majesty the provision necessary for the public service.

Although you will perceive an important diminution in the Customs Receipts, there is sufficient ground to believe, that our Commerce is gradually increasing. The amount of the Securities lodged with the Excise of this Port, has not been so considerable for many years; and it appears that the defalcation is, in a great measure, to be accounted for, by the remission, on the part of Great-Britain, of the duties on American Vessels; and the operation of other regulations which necessarily followed the opening of the Ports of the United States to our Colonial Vessels.

*Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council;*

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;*

You will be gratified to learn, that the King remembers, with particular satisfaction, the kind and affectionate loyalty which he witnessed in this Province at an early period of His life: and it is His Majesty's gracious and earnest wish, that His faithful Subjects in Nova-Scotia should be assured, that distance does not diminish His Majesty's regard for them, or, in any degree, abate either the constancy or the warmth of His desire to promote their happiness.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Stewart, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Bliss, and Mr. Johnston, be a Committee to prepare an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech. Committee to prepare Address

*Ordered,* That Mr. Lawson, Mr. Young, Mr. Smith, Mr. Barss, and Mr. Deblois, be a Committee of this House, for the purpose of examining the Public Accounts, jointly, with a Committee of His Majesty's Council, and that the Clerk do acquaint the Council therewith. Committee on Public Accounts

*Ordered,* That Mr. Bliss, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Forman, be a Committee to examine into, and report on, the expiring Laws. Committee on Expiring Laws

*Resolved,* That no Petition, of a private nature, be received after Wednesday, the 15th day of February next. Limitation of time for Private Petitions

Then the House adjourned until To-morrow, at two of the Clock.