

*To His Excellency Lieutenant 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, return our thanks for Your Excellency's Speech at the opening of the present Session; and we feel most grateful to Her Majesty, for having selected a person so well qualified, by long and successful public service, as Your Excellency, to succeed to the Government of this Province.

We regret to learn that the embarrassment in the Commercial World in general, has operated so seriously upon the Trade of this Province, and that the City of Saint John, in addition to the distress occasioned by the late calamitous Fires, is suffering from one of those revulsions to which Commerce is always liable from over trading and imprudent investments. Yet we feel confident that with a continuance of the protection hitherto afforded by the Mother Country to the Trade of these Colonies, accompanied by a rigid exercise of prudence and economy, and due caution in business, the present difficulty will in a short time, under the blessing of Divine Providence, be succeeded by a more sound and prosperous course of Trade.

We cordially participate in Your Excellency's congratulations on the Birth of an Heir Apparent to the Throne, and we assure Your Excellency that this auspicious event has given to Her Majesty's faithful Subjects in this Province the most heartfelt satisfaction.

Deeply interested in the settlement of the Boundary Question, we unite with Your Excellency in the hope that a sense of the great benefits that would be derived from the termination of the dispute, will lead to an early and satisfactory issue of the negotiations with the United States, and we rely with every confidence upon the determination of Her Majesty's Government to maintain the integrity of these Her Majesty's North American possessions.

We acknowledge that in providing for the introduction of any alteration or amelioration in the principles of our Municipal Government, we should steadily keep in view those which are clearly recognized in the Constitution of England, and which may be found adapted to the situation of the people of this Province.

Concurring in Your Excellency's views that the judicious application of the Public Credit for the investment of Capital in works of general utility, and in assisting the local Communities where their own resources may be inadequate for such objects, would accelerate the improvement and settlement of the Province, we shall give our serious attention to Your Excellency's recommendation of the Incorporation of a Board of Works as the means of accomplishing the efficient execution of all such objects.

We duly appreciate the great importance of the Public Works to which Your Excellency has called our attention, and will cheerfully concur in such measures as will secure their successful prosecution when ultimately approved of. In such of these projects as the neighbouring Provinces are interested, we confidently hope for their co-operation.

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