

your Excellency to believe, that it will afford us the greatest consolation, when we observe the happy consequences of that energy and wisdom which have ever characterized the administration under your Excellency's government, and which cannot but demonstrate to the inhabitants of this Province at large, the permanent advantages which must be derived from such an administration.

Your Excellency's attention in promoting our Agricultural interests and your extension of benevolence to charity Schools, and other Institutions for promoting the general diffusion of knowledge, which have, ever since your Excellency's administration been kindly fostered by every possible means, must make the deepest impression upon our minds, and we cannot but repeat with the most unfeigned sentiments, the satisfaction we feel when we behold the resources of this Province so highly improved by your Excellency's unremitting and constant solicitude for the advancement of its prosperity and paternal regard for promoting its welfare.

Your Excellency will therefore ever possess our warmest affections and most anxious regard, and may these, the true sentiments of sensibility and attachment accompany your Excellency's intended visit to the bosom of your Country; and while we participate with the inhabitants of the Province in general for the personal happiness of your Excellency, your beloved consort, and the Members of your illustrious family, we shall feel the most lively joy when your Excellency can again be spared to this Province, to witness that fertility secured to us by your Excellency's most auspicious administration.

William Henry, 8th May, 1824.

His Excellency the Earl of Dalhousie's
Answer,

GENTLEMEN,

I have received the address of the Inhabitants of Sorel, transmitted to me by you as a deputation, and request you to express to them my thanks for their expressions of regard, partial indeed I feel them, and arising from more intimate acquaintance by my residence among them.

My temporary absence cannot in any degree diminish my anxious desire to promote the welfare of the Province, nor that which particularly relates to the neighbourhood of Sorel and Borough of William Henry.

(Signed) DALHOUSIE.

To Robert Jones, Esqr. and the Gentlemen of his Deputation.

UPPER CANADA.

YORK,
1st May.

On Saturday the 24th instant his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, attended by his Staff, was met by the Honorable the Members of the Executive Council, the Judges of the Court of King's Bench, and the Gentlemen of the Bar, with the Magistrates, and principal Inhabitants of York, in procession for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the new Gaol and Court House about to be erected in this Town.—A Sovereign and half Sovereign of gold and several coins of silver and copper, of the present Reign, together with some newspapers and other memorials of the present day, were deposited in a cavity of the stone, over which, a plate of copper, bearing an appropriate inscription, was placed; and after his Excellency had given the first blow, with a hammer handed to him for the purpose, the ceremony concluded with several hearty cheers from all who were present. If the question were of any real importance, we might have the curiosity to inquire why the deposit was made in the *S. East* rather than in the *N. East* corner of the building?

1st June.

As there are very few natural, and no artificial harbours, on the northern coast of Lake Ontario;—It must be interesting to others, as well as to the inhabitants of the District of Newcastle, to be made acquainted with the following extracts from the first report of a very able Engineer whom we requested to examine the outlet of *Smith's Creek*, at PORT HOFF, for the purpose of ascertaining how far it might be practicable to construct a Dock for shipping, at that place.—A more enlarged and detailed account will be given hereafter.—In the mean time the general sketch, here presented to our readers, must, we think, prove highly satisfactory.

"I have, according to your request, explored the mouth and waters of *Smith's Creek*, and am of opinion, that the situation is truly desirable for the construction of a Commercial Dock, with a *throat* (or short Canal) discharging its feeder through a Lock, carried in a strait line into a ten feet depth of water upon the Lake—and at all times when the Lock gates are shut, and no vessels are coming in, or going out, the supply can be conducted by means of race ways over as much Machinery as