

large, and of the inhabitants in the various districts of it, than it is our inclination and desire to afford you every assistance in our power to effect those salutary purposes. In our opinion, a too early attention cannot be paid to the very interesting object of embodying and equipping the inhabitants, with the proper means of defence, as a provisional and cautionary measure, in manner as directed by a law of this Island, long since enacted.

We desire leave to share with you the pleasure and satisfaction you received in your late visit to several of our remote towns and settlements, where you had an opportunity of being an eye witness to the industrious exertions of the settlers, and of learning from themselves the success and plenty with which their laudable efforts have been rewarded.

The Herring and Cod fisheries along the northern coasts of this Island, and in the numerous and capacious bays of it, have been carried on this year with a success before unknown. And the goodness of our harvest, particularly the successful attempts that have been made in the growing of winter-wheat and rye, must necessarily create new sources of general prosperity,

The inconvenience arising from a want of cash, or some circulating medium among us, and which you have been pleased to recommend to our deliberation, has been generally and severely felt; and you may be assured of our losing no time in taking into our consideration a subject so extensively interesting and important.

We shall carefully attend to any necessity which may appear to us, during the continuance of the present session, of enacting new laws, or amending others already in force, as we shall judge most conducive to the public welfare. And permit us here to say, that the confidence you are pleased to express in our zeal and attachment to his Majesty's sacred person and government, and in our attention and solicitude for the prosperity and happiness of his people here, excites us to a still more studious discharge of our duty in promoting those great objects, and will always prompt us to retain the strong desire and inclination we possess, of making your administration as easy to you in future, as it has hitherto been prosperous, honourable, and just.

PETER STEWART, President.
Council Chamber, 12th Nov. 1791.

His Excellency's Answer.

Gentlemen of his Majesty's Council,

I return you my sincere and grateful acknowledgments for your address.

The sentiments you express of duty and loyalty to our most gracious Sovereign, of attachment to his government, and zealous regard for the happiness of his people, as well as your desire for my future ease in this Island; are perfectly consistent with the uniform Tenour of your conduct; and allow me to say, that no small share of any merit or applause, which may be due to my administration, is justly to be attributed to the influence and rectitude of your opinion and advice.

EDMUND FANNING.

*Council Chamber, Charlotte Town,
13th November, 1790.*

An Address of his Majesty's Council to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.

To his Excellency EDMUND FANNING, LL.D. Lieutenant-Governor and Commander in Chief in and over his Majesty's Island of St. John, and the Territories adjacent therunto, Chancellor of the same, &c. &c. &c.

The Address of His Majesty's Council, in General Assembly met.

SIR,
WE, his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the members of his Majesty's Council of the Island of Saint John, beg leave, before the close of the present session of the General Assembly, to offer your Excellency our most sincere and grateful acknowledgments for the assiduous and unremitting attention, you have paid, ever since your first entering upon the administration of this government, to the prosperity and true interests of his Majesty's faithful subjects in it.

At the same time we are employed in offering you the tribute of our own thanks, we think it not beside the line of our duty, on this occasion, to congratulate you on the confidence which not only we ourselves, but the representative part of the government, as well as the good people in general in it, have in the rectitude of your administration; among the prosperous events of which, our late accession of inhabitants from the United States, who still manifest a meritorious preference to the British government, and whose loyalty to the King has been tried and proved during the late unhappy war, with a certain prospect of a still greater acquisition of the kind, ought not to be overlooked. As the increase of inhabitants must necessarily add to the exports of our home commodities, as well as augment the consumption of British manufactures, we flatter ourselves with the hope, that the

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