

THE liberal Policy which the Mother Country has now adopted opens a wide field for Commercial Enterprize, and it is not unreasonable to expect that Nova-Scotia will participate largely in the many Public and Private Advantages which these enlightened measures must necessarily produce.

A VERY considerable increase of Revenue may, I think, be anticipated from certain Duties which the Imperial Parliament has deemed it just and politic to impose upon all Foreign Productions imported into the British Possessions abroad, in order to protect the produce of the Industry of His Majesty's Subjects.

THIS Wise Principle will I trust be preserved inviolate by all—and, I cannot but indulge a hope that the Revenue arising from that source, will enable these Colonies ere long to promote plans of internal improvement of more general and extensive utility than their limited means have hitherto permitted,—and incline them to relieve the Parent State from some Expenses of their Civil Establishments which are still defrayed out of the Revenues of the United Kingdom.

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

I SHALL direct the Public Accounts to be immediately laid before you, and I trust it will appear that the Collectors of the Revenue in the different Counties have discharged their duties with zeal and regularity. You will be happy to observe, upon an examination of these Accounts, that the Provincial Revenue has been very considerably increased by payments made into the Treasury by the Collector of His Majesty's Customs.

I SHALL also direct the usual Estimates to be submitted to you, and I rely upon your providing the Supplies necessary for the support of His Majesty's Government with your accustomed liberality.

*Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council,  
Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

AMONG the various matters of Public Interest which will occupy your attention, I know no one of more importance to the future Welfare and Prosperity of the Province, than the Establishment of Schools throughout the Country, and I hope to see that object effected upon some Judicious and Permanent Plan—with due provision for the free instruction of the Poor.

You will be gratified to learn that the practicability of forming a Canal, at a moderate expense, to connect the Harbour of Halifax with the Basin of Mines, has been fully ascertained by a competent Engineer, who was very judiciously employed upon that service last summer by the President then administering the Government—Copies of his able Report, and accompanying Plans will be laid before you;—It is a work from which many Public Advantages may be expected to result, and you will doubtless take in it a corresponding interest.

THE Charter of the Provincial Agricultural Society will soon expire;—and I submit to your consideration the expediency of renewing it,—for that valuable Institution has certainly been productive of much good.

ALTHOUGH a free Trade and extensive Markets are the natural and best Encouragements which our Fisheries can receive, yet, you will not I am sure lose sight of so important a Branch of our Industry, nor fail to extend to it the fostering Aid of Government, should further encouragement appear to you to be in any manner necessary.

I do not enter into farther details, because I feel that your own experience and knowledge of the great interests of the Province render it unnecessary. In the wisdom of your united deliberations for the general prosperity I have perfect reliance, and you may depend upon my steadily pursuing the same impartial course of Public Duty by which I have hitherto had the good fortune to obtain your Confidence in my Administration of the Government.

*Ordered,* That Mr. Uniacke, Mr. Fairbanks, Mr. Lawson, Mr. Smith and Mr. Chipman, be a Committee to prepare an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech.

John Young, Esq. returned duly elected a Representative for the County of Sydney, in the room