

THURSDAY, 7th FEBRUARY, 1833.

the County of Cape-Breton, having received His Majesty's Assent, Writs, in compliance with it, were immediately issued, to give to the Inhabitants of that valuable Island the advantage which the Legislature designed for them.

You will also be gratified to learn, that the Free Warehousing Act, has, under His Majesty's gracious instructions, been extended to other ports of the Province, and that Liverpool and Yarmouth now enjoy the benefits of this system.

Although the past season was not of the most promising character, and our Agricultural Returns have, in some respect, disappointed the Husbandman, we have still abundant cause to be grateful to a kind Providence.

I regret to state that our Fisheries have not been successful: it will be for your wisdom to determine upon the expediency of assisting them.

By the merciful protection which has been afforded to us in a year of unusual peril, we have escaped a pestilence whose ravages have been widely spread through the world, and awfully exhibited in our neighbourhood. While such distinguished preservation calls for the warmest acknowledgements of our gratitude to Heaven, we ought not to overlook the necessity for every measure, which human prudence and experience can suggest, for security against the introduction of so terrible a calamity, or in mitigation of its sufferings should it yet be permitted to reach us.

The Central and Local Boards of Health, established under your enactments of the last year, aided most efficiently by the Health-Officers and Wardens in different parts of the Province, have exerted themselves for our common safety and protection, with diligence and zeal.

Long and intimately acquainted as I have been with this Province, and closely united as my interest and feelings are with it, you may be assured, that the situation in which I am now placed will but the more enlarge my desire to promote its general prosperity. This disposition, no less than a sense of duty, will always lead me to a cordial co-operation with you in every measure, which, by adding to the welfare of the Inhabitants of this Province, will increase the happiness of our beloved Sovereign, who, since his accession to the Throne, has frequently expressed the most paternal regard for His Loyal Subjects in Nova-Scotia.

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

Committee to prepare Address in answer to Speech

Mr. Uniacke moved for leave to present to the House a Petition of Lawrant Chas-son and others, Freeholders of the County of Cape-Breton, complaining of an illegal Election and the undue return of William Young, Esquire, as a Representative for that County, and of certain riotous proceedings, which prevented certain Freeholders from voting at Cheticamp for Richard Smith, Esquire, the opposing Candidate, and praying that Mr. Smith may be returned duly elected, in place of Mr. Young, and that the latter may not be allowed to take his seat, or other relief; which being seconded, thereupon,

Leave moved for to present Petition of Freeholders of Cape Breton against Election of Mr Young

Mr. Stewart moved, by way of amendment, that the Writs for the return of Members for the County of Cape Breton, the Townships of Arichat and Sydney, and for the County of Shelburne, be forthwith laid upon the Table of the House, and read together with the respective Returns thereto; which amendment, being seconded and put, was agreed to by the House.

Amendment passed that writs and returns be read, &c.

The said several Writs and Returns were accordingly laid upon the Table of the House, and afterwards respectively read by the Clerk.

Writs, &c. read

Mr. Uniacke then moved, that the House do come to the following Resolution, viz:

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*Resolved*,