

*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, beg to express our thanks for Your Excellency's Speech at the opening of the present Session; gratified as we are to find that the favourable situation of the affairs of the Province is such as not to have required a meeting of the Legislature at an earlier period than usual.

The failure of the Potato Crop last year must, in many Districts, be severely felt by all, especially the poorer classes; and we participate with Your Excellency in the hope that by due precautions, and the continued employment of the people, the distress which is apprehended in the ensuing season may in a great measure be alleviated.

Sensible of the paramount importance which attaches to the valuable Fisheries of our Coast, and of the necessity of maintaining unimpaired those rights which we have hitherto enjoyed, it affords us great satisfaction, in being informed by Your Excellency, that Her Majesty's Government have declined to accede to the proposition of the American Government for a further extension of the privilege to fish in our waters.

We shall readily give our attention to such amendments as will remedy any existing defects in the Criminal Laws.

The revision of the Election Laws shall receive our best consideration.

We shall willingly give our assent to any amendment to the Act for the settlement of the Indian Reserves, that will secure the objects contemplated.

We look forward with interest to the communication announced by Your Excellency of the views of Her Majesty's Government in regard to the Act of the last Session for the regulation of King's College; and we will devote that profound attention to their consideration which the source from which they emanate, and the vital importance of the subject demand; in the earnest hope that they will be found such as will add to the usefulness of that Institution.

Fully aware of the momentous interests involved in the establishment of Parochial and other Schools, and of the propriety of affording Legislative support, and agreeing with Your Excellency, that the existing Laws for their encouragement are defective; we shall cordially aid in the adoption of such measures as will tend to place them in a more efficient state.

Any suggestions for the improvement of the condition of the afflicted class of persons confined in the Lunatic Asylum, shall receive our early and favorable consideration. We thank Your Excellency for the assurance that the various Reports relative to the erection of a Provincial Lunatic Asylum shall be laid before us.

We will give our concurrence to such improvements as are required for the better security and accommodation of the inmates of the Provincial Penitentiary.