

your Excellency... Much ever depends on the character of the chief Magistrate and particularly in new countries... They feel they have every reason to augur great and lasting benefit to themselves and the Province at large, as the result of your Excellency's enlightened administration, which they pray may be long and as happy to your Excellency as they doubt not it will be to his Majesty's subjects in this Province.

Signed on behalf of the resident Magistrates and Inhabitants.

**SKEFFINGTON THOMSON,**  
L. L. D. Rector.

To which His Excellency was pleased to make the following **REPLY:**

The Rector, resident Magistrates, and principal Inhabitants of the Parish of Saint Stephen.

**Gentlemen,**  
I receive with great satisfaction your congratulations on my arrival in this interesting portion of the Province intrusted to my government.

Visiting the different parts of the Province for the purpose of acquiring information as to their capabilities, resources and interests to enlighten me in furthering their advancement; I have great pleasure in thus extending my tour to this beautiful place.

I am happy to perceive that the local advantages of this Parish enable its industrious population to profit by those two great sources of Provincial wealth, a spirited trade in the great staple commodity of the Country, and a zealous cultivation of its agricultural capabilities.

Sensible that these great branches of industry when judiciously conducted, co-operate beneficially, I have had much pleasure in removing some restrictions which pressed heavily on the one, and I have done all in my power to excite the other. In aid of this it gives me sincere pleasure to learn that you have lately formed an Agricultural and Emigrant Society with funds considerable, and prospects encouraging. I earnestly recommend you to persevere; and I have no doubt that the Agriculture of the country, excited by that premium on production (price) which the trade of the country occasions and directed by the intelligence of the societies, must flourish.

I thank you gentlemen for the good wishes you are pleased to express towards myself, and assure you that it ever gives me satisfaction to do all that may depend upon me to advance the interest of all branches of that community from which you have presented this Address, and to extend my protection to a population presenting so many claims to consideration.

After partaking of a Collation at Mr. CLARKE'S and visiting Mill Town, His Excellency inspected the Militia, which had previously received Col. LOV, the Inspecting Field Officer, with the honors due to his rank.

The number present on parade exceeded 600 Men, with whose appearance and movements His Excellency was pleased to express himself highly satisfied. The Scotch Company, from the new Parish of St. James, Commanded by Cap. P. S. FRANK appeared to great advantage in neat Tartan Jackets; the whole division wore white Trowsers, and generally blue short coats or jackets.

An immense concourse of spectators assembled on the field and the presence of a number of ladies added much to the interest of the scene.

After His Excellency had inspected the Militia, he addressed Col. CAMPBELL in an audible and distinct manner to the following effect:—

**COLONEL CAMPBELL,**

I repeat to you and Major MOWAT those assurances of entire satisfaction which I expressed when I had the pleasure to see you at the head of the other division of your corps; I desire you to renew the same to Cap. PRISCO, and to the officers and members of the troop of cavalry. I am happy too, to express perfect satisfaction at the appearance of the companies now present, and request you to convey the same to the officers and men composing them.

In the fine body of men now before me, I perceive all the qualities requisite for the organization of a very efficient corps of Militia; I regret to see such men assembled without arms for military training, and shall take measure gradually, to put arms into the hands of those who are so deserving the honor of carrying them, and who I have no

doubt will show every attention to learn how to use them;—not, I thank God, that this measure has any reference to actual necessity. With the neighbouring States we are on the best terms of amity; the bonds of peace and friendly intercourse which we have mutually contracted, are drawing still closer by generous influences arising from the manner in which we view, in common with each other, many circumstances of the present times, and particularly from the feeling with which we regard the rising liberties of the new world. It is only therefore, for more efficient practice in the training which the law directs, that the measures which I have announced will be more strictly observed.

In the fine body of men here present, I have the pleasure to see a great many, the offspring of distinguished soldiers, who have fought and bled for their Country. I greet them well. As a British General Officer, as their Governor the representative of that Gracious Sovereign, whose august predecessor their fathers served gallantly and faithfully, I invoke a blessing upon those I address. May the spirit and the loyalty and the constancy of your sires descend upon you, may you long cultivate the pursuits and blessings of peace & in the day of need, emulate the conduct of your gallant fathers. To the others, who compose this fine corps, whether from England, from Ireland, or my own Country, Scotland, I pray you to believe that I place the most implicit reliance, that you will at all times shew yourselves worthy of the land of your fathers.

His Excellency and Suite afterwards partook of an excellent public Dinner at Mrs. CRISTY'S, Hall, J. N. CLARKE, Esq. in the Chair, when the following Toasts among others were proposed and drank with enthusiasm. —

*The KING — with four times four*  
*The Duke of York and the Army — three times three*  
*The Duke of Clarence and the Navy — three times three*

*Our honored and distinguished Guest His Excellency Sir HOWARD DOUGLAS. — His Administration of the Government, equally marked by intelligence and patriotism, claims our respect and merits our gratitude — three times three.*

His Excellency in returning thanks, stated, that on his entering the duties of his office, he had fully declared what his views were, and that he had been most cordially seconded by the Legislature, otherwise he could not possibly have carried them into effect, of that Legislature the hon. Gen. who presided was a worthy member. It is not in our power to give even an outline of His Excellency's Speech on this occasion. He concluded by proposing as a Toast,

*The Legislature, — Which was drank with three times three.*

*His Majesty's Ministers, liberal in their views and disinterested in their conduct.*

*The British Constitution, the corner stone of freedom.*

*The sacred memory of His late Majesty GEORGE the Third — drank in profound silence.*

His Excellency expressed his regret that his previous arrangements compelled him to make so short a stay in that important and interesting part of the country, and embarked about six o'clock, P. M. on his return to Saint Andrews, when he was again saluted and cheered until out of hearing.

We are happy to add that the utmost harmony and good humour prevailed throughout the whole of this interesting day.

The weather in the evening proved unfavourable, notwithstanding which, His Excellency, by leaving St. Stephen in good season, was fortunate enough to reach Saint Andrews by midnight.

His Excellency attended Divine Service on Sunday, in the morning at the Church and in the afternoon at the Kirk.

On Monday he visited the Poor House, and expressed himself highly gratified with the munificence of that excellent establishment. In the course of the day, Governor FRANCIS and some of the principal Indians of the Passamaquoddy tribe, paid His Excellency a visit. They were received with great attention and kindness and left His Excellency with evident marks of satisfaction.

His Excellency embarked on Tuesday morning on board the Revenue Cutter Elizabeth for St. George, under a salute of 17 guns from the militia artillery company; on his landing at St. George he was again saluted with 17 guns by a detachment of the same corps, and His Excellency was met by the Magistrates and Lieut. Col. WYER, and by them escorted to his lodgings, the Militia being formed on each side of the road from the public landing. At half past 2 o'clock His Excellency reviewed the 2nd

Batt. of Militia (about 500 men) under the command of Lt. Col. WYER; after going through various manœuvres His Excellency was pleased to express to the Officers and Men the gratification he felt at their appearance and general good conduct, and assured them that as soon as a proper depot was got, such companies as were reported to him to be in uniform should be furnished with arms. — At half past four His Excellency sat down with several distinguished guests to an excellent dinner at SHAW'S Hotel, given by the Officers of the 2nd Batt. Lt. Col. WYER, in the Chair, after the cloth was removed the following toasts were given. —

*The King four times four.*  
*Duke of York and Army — three times three.*  
*Duke of Clarence and Navy — three times three.*

*His Excellency Earl Dalhousie, Governor General and Commander-in-Chief — three times three.*

*Our illustrious Guest Sir Howard Douglas, Lieutenant-Governor of this Province. May he long dispense the happiness that has pervaded every breast since the commencement of his wise administration — four times four.*

*Lady Douglas and the Misses Douglas's may their charming affability and civility of manners ever be considered an example for the imitation of our young fair — three times three.*

*Agriculture — our chief dependence, may we soon reap an abundant harvest from the seeds of improvements so profusely dispersed by its great patron our worthy Governor.*

*Commerce and fisheries to which we look for so many comforts.*

*Lieutenant Col. Love our inspecting Field Officer whose conduct has so amply justified the wisdom of his appointment by His Excellency the Lt. Governor.*

His Excellency retired at an early hour in order to reach St. Andrews that Evening which he accomplished.

(For remainder, see Supplement.)

**FREDERICTON, (N. B.)**

**TUESDAY, 11th October, 1825.**

**Alms-House and Work-House.**

COMMISSIONER FOR THE WEEK,  
**CHARLES LEE, Esquire.**

**SAVINGS BANK.**

TRUSTEES NEXT WEEK,  
**HENRY G. CLOPPER, ESQ.**

**JAMES TAYLOR, ESQ.**

**PETER FISHER, ESQ.**

Amount deposited Yesterday, **£94 17 4**

**BREADFUL FIRE!**

It is with sincere regret that there is imposed upon us, the melancholy task, of informing our readers in distant parts of one of the most destructive and alarming fires which have ever visited this Province. There seems to be something at present, peculiarly striking in the ravages of this powerful, and, unless, when restrained by the hand of an omnipotent being, devoting element. On Monday the 19th Sept. about 12 o'clock, A. M. the Town was alarmed by the cry of Fire! from Government-House! The fire, appeared to have originated from the roof, as that was enveloped in smoke, and flame, before the Engines (although every means for forward them was adopted) could reach the spot, & notwithstanding the most vigorous efforts, in which the inhabitants and military seemed to vie with each other; the whole building with exception of the north west wing, was burnt down. Thus an edifice which has served as a Government-House since almost the first settlement of the Province and which was associated in the minds of many of our most respectable Inhabitants, with many tender and pleasing recollections, was in less than three hours reduced to a heap of smoking ruins. His Excellency, and Captain DOUGLAS, were both from home when the fire happened —

By means of the fortitude, calm composure, and ready presence of mind of Lady DOUGLAS, who remained until the last, His Excellency's Papers, Books, and most of the Furniture were happily saved. Since that, the weather has continued remarkably dry, and warm to a degree, never experienced before at this season of the year, and the smoke and the perturbed state of the air, indicated that there were fires of no ordinary magnitude raging in different parts of the country and in the vicinity. On Friday last the 7th inst. (a day long to be remembered) about 2 o'clock, P. M. an alarm was given that a fire had broken out in a cottage belonging to the Surveyor-General, a mile from Town, which threatened destruction to a new house, close by the cottage. Immediately, His Excellency, Captain DOUGLAS, the Military, the Engines, and the Firemen, with most of the Inhabitants, repaired to the spot, leaving the Town almost deserted. Scarcely had the operations to save Mr. BAILLIE'S property commenced, when a report was brought by an officer of the 52d, to the Commandant of the Garrison, that a Fire had broken out in the Town, upon this several left Mr. BAILLIE'S, and made what haste they could to Town, but when they reached there, the wind blowing so violently the flames could not be stopped. This fire originated on the premises of Mr. JARVIS KING, (from causes hitherto unknown) which in a few minutes were consumed. It continued down that street, on both sides, until it was stopped by a brick-house, belonging to Mr. W. HART. The wind shifting a little, the fire then took the direction, towards the river, through York street, and extended up Queen's-street, as far as the Post-office, when by great exertions the progress of the flames in that direction was arrested. The fire then communicated to the buildings, on the opposite side of the street, destroying all that came in its way from the Military Hospital, to Phoenix-square, and also, all that square, with the houses on the Bank of the river, adjoining it. It then continued its ravages down both sides of Queen's-street until within a few houses of the Barracks, where its devouring career was finally checked. Every

praise is to be ascribed both to the Inhabitants and also to the officers and men of the 52d Regt. for their strenuous efforts, on this occasion, and the gratitude of the community, is in a particular manner, due to his Excellency, by whose constant attendance, and judicious advice, the progress of the flames by the blessing of God, was prevented from spreading farther. About 70 buildings in all, have been destroyed, and the loss of Property estimated at about £23,000. Thus, in one eventful day, by the severe, though just dispensation of God, a great part of a thriving, and rapidly increasing Town, inhabited by an industrious, a sober, a moral and a loyal people, has been reduced to the most dismal and distressing appearance, that can well be imagined. And what is particularly unfortunate, the loss has chiefly fallen either upon young men, commencing business, or upon those, who were just beginning to reap the fruits, of the honest and persevering industry of years. At the particular request of His Excellency, a General Meeting of the inhabitants, was held on Saturday last, for the purpose of devising the most effectual means, of giving immediate relief, to some part of the sufferers. After an eloquent, pathetic, and impressive speech from His Excellency, a committee was formed, to enquire particularly into the loss sustained by individuals, and to take measures, in order, to provide lodging, and cloths, for the most destitute, for such, was the rapidity of the fire, that many escaped, with nothing but the garments they had on. A subscription was also set on foot, at the head of which His Excellency placed £200, from His Majesty's casual Revenue, and £20 from himself. The principal Inhabitants also subscribed liberally. By the goodness of the Hon. Judge CRIEPMAN, this list, was transmitted, by the Steam-boat, to the Mayor of St. John, and their is no doubt but the Inhabitants of that city, who are noted for Liberality, public spirit, and humane feeling, to all in distress, will bountifully contribute, towards repairing, in some degree, the losses, of their fellow subjects, involved in a calamity, to which, the nature of the country renders us all particularly liable; and of which they themselves have had bitter experience. What may be done, we hope will be done quickly, as the rigours, of winter, are fast approaching and but little time to lose. Upon a proper representation, of this calamity, which will no doubt, be made to the Mother Country, we confidently anticipate, a share in that charity which is the principal grace of our holy religion, and the distinguishing Trait of the British character, and for the exercise of which God hath blessed that Land, above all the nations in the world. We are sorry to state, that information has reached us from Miramichi, this morning, that there have also been burnt there, upwards of 20 Houses, but we are not yet in possession of the particulars.

We congratulate the public, on the recent arrangement made for conveying the Mails to various parts of the Province as will be seen by the Post-office Notices, in the last Gazette. This is one among the many useful and highly beneficial arrangements made by our worthy Lieutenant-Governor Sir HOWARD DOUGLAS, who ever mindful of the advantages to be derived to the Public from well concerted measures, allows nothing, that will in any manner tend to promote the general good of the Country, to escape his active and intelligent mind.

On Thursday the 6th inst. His Excellency Sir Howard, and Lady Douglas, Captain Douglas, and the Miss Douglas's honored the School in the Parish of Douglas with their presence, and after an examination, appeared pleased with the proficiency of the Scholars. His Excellency's condescending goodness must be highly gratifying to the Inhabitants, and his active attention to the interest of every part of the Province must be duly appreciated by all ranks of Society. At the same time His Excellency was most graciously pleased to make a donation of fifty pounds for the completion of the new Church in the Parish.

**A CARD.**  
MRS. PHAIR, begs to express her warmest gratitude to her neighbours and the public in general, and also to a portion of the 52d Regt. by whose united exertions under divine Providence, her property was so miraculously saved from destruction in the late melancholy fire. To the Hospital Guard of the 52d Regt. she also begs to express her gratitude for their unremitting care of her Furniture, exposed all night in the street, and consigned to their charge. Fredericton, 10th Oct. 1825.

**A CARD.**  
MARK NEEDHAM, returns his most sincere thanks to His Excellency Sir HOWARD DOUGLAS, for his very great anxiety and exertions during the very calamitous fire on the 7th inst. and for his kindness and encouragement to him after it was over, and to Captain CHARLES DOUGLAS, whose unremitting activity was so conspicuous; also to the Inhabitants of Fredericton and vicinity, for their very great exertions in saving so considerable a part of his property from that destructive fire; likewise to Major M'NAIR, and the Officers and Men of the 52d Regt.; he also feels much gratified at the very great attention of his Rifle Company who spared neither trouble nor fatigue night or day, in preserving and watching the property saved, and to the community at large, for the very kind attention to himself and family he feels grateful, and the remembrance of it will be always impressed on his memory.

Fredericton, 11th Oct. 1825.