

FREDERICTON, (N. B.)

TUESDAY, 4TH JULY, 1826.

**Alms House and Work House.**  
COMMISSIONER FOR THE WEEK,  
FREDERICK P. ROBINSON, ESQ.

**SAVINGS BANK.**

TRUSTEES NEXT WEEK,  
HENRY G. CLOPPER, ESQ.  
JAMES TAYLOR, ESQ.  
JEDEDIAH SLASON, Esquire.

*P. S. to the Gazette.*

Head Quarters, Fredericton,  
4th July 1826.

**MILITIA GENERAL ORDERS.**

The Commander-in-Chief has been pleased to make the following Promotions, &c.—  
Captain Alexander Wedderburn, Saint John Militia, to be Major.

Captain John C. Waterbury, Saint John Militia, to retire with his Rank.

4th Batt. YORK.

Simon Hebert, Gent. to be Captain, vice Duperré, deceased.

It appearing by the representation of Lieutenant Col. Simonds, that the population of the Emigrant District in the Eastern part of the County of Saint John, has now become sufficiently great to admit of several Companies being formed, which from its remote situation and difficulty of access, had not been previously enrolled in the Militia.

His Excellency therefore directs that all persons residing in this quarter, liable to serve in the Militia, be forthwith enrolled and formed into Companies to be called the "DERRY DISTRICT LIGHT INFANTRY," and commanded by Major Wedderburn; who will please to forward for His Excellency's approval, the names of such Gentlemen as he may select for Officers.

These Companies for the present are to be attached to the Regiment of Saint John County Militia.

By Command.

GEO. SHORE, Adj. Gen. M. F.

**THE LAYING THE CORNER STONE  
OF THE NEW  
GOVERNMENT-HOUSE**

The Commissioners appointed to superintend the building of a new Government House, for the Province, having solicited His Excellency Sir HOWARD DOUGLAS, Baronet, our highly respected Lieutenant-Governor, to lay the Corner Stone thereof, as one of the most favorable auspices under which the work could commence. Four o'clock in the afternoon of Saturday last, was the time fixed on for the going through that ceremony.

Some time before the hour appointed, persons of all descriptions began to assemble on the ground from the Town of Fredericton, and different parts in its vicinity, and by four o'clock a very large assemblage of all ranks of both sexes, from the highest to the lowest, were in attendance, shewing the strongest interest in the proceedings of the day. His Excellency (was as is usual with him) on the ground punctual to his time, attended by a numerous Suite, he was received there by the Commissioners who immediately conducted him to the spot, where the Stone was to be laid, when the following Address from the Commissioners, was presented to him, by Lieutenant Colonel SHORE:—

To His Excellency Sir HOWARD DOUGLAS, Baronet, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of New-Brunswick.

May it please your Excellency,

WE, the Commissioners appointed by an Act of the General Assembly of this Province, to direct the Building of a Government-House, in the room of the one consumed by the dreadful and calamitous Fire that raged through most parts of the Province, in the Autumn of last year, feel great gratification in being enabled so soon (in the

present distressed state of the Country,) to inform your Excellency that we have pursuant to the powers and authority vested in us, entered into a Contract, (upon terms which we have reason to think advantageous to the public, and at an expence we believe below what was contemplated by the Legislature) for the erection of a building that will we trust, when finished, do credit to the Country, and afford general satisfaction to the Province at large; objects that have hitherto been and shall continue to be our guide throughout our proceedings in the execution of the trusts in this respect committed to our charge.

In doing which, we beg to assure your Excellency, that every exertion in our power to promote a speedy completion of the work, will be excited in no small degree, by the ardent desire we feel, to see you, and your amiable Lady and Family speedily settled, in an establishment suitable to the high station and rank you hold in the Country, and wherein the conspicuous liberality and dispositions of your Excellency and Lady DOUGLAS, to entertain, afford amusement and promote good order in Society, may be indulged with less domestic inconvenience, than we fear, you must hitherto have experienced in this Province, from the want of such accommodation.

And we now respectfully solicit your Excellency to lay the Corner stone of a building, which (if not prejudicial to your own interest,) we in common with the rest of His Majesty's Loyal subjects of this Province, most anxiously hope that you will long remain with us to inhabit, confident, as we are, from the advantages the Country has already experienced from your Excellency's administrations, that your continuing to hold the high station you now so ably fill, is the best prospect we have of seeing those measures (of which your Excellency has laid the foundation,) for promoting the general welfare and prosperity of the Province, carried into effect.

After the Address one of the Commissioners presented to His Excellency a Crystal, leaded, and sealed, containing the different Gold and Silver British Coins of the present Reign, a Newspaper and Almanack, which His Excellency placed in the Stone, prepared to receive the same, over which he placed a copper Plate, engraved with the following Inscription:—

Numine Favente

H. L. P.

Hov Douglas, Esq. Aur. Pro. Praef.  
ut Domicilium substrueretur ob usum Praefecti hujus  
Provinciae in,  
Loco, situque, priorum aedium, quae cheu! subito  
casu Deflagraverunt tertio, Kalend. Oct.  
1825.

Cui aedificio restituendo

Proceres, conventusque Praefecturae Nov. Bruns.  
Testimonium

Grati animi, propter beneficia insignia, quibus,  
Sub Tutela Britan. Paterni Sceptri, ipsi et ceteri  
Incolae hujus Provinciae fruuntur  
et

Pignus fidelitatis, erga suum Principem integerrima  
E. Publico Arario sumptus  
Praebuerunt

Serenissimo Georgio Quarto Dei Gratia Magnae  
Britanniae Hiberniaeque Rege, Defensore Fidei &c.  
Necnon

Howardo Douglas Equite Aurato C. B. S. R. S. &c.  
Boni Publici admodum studiosi et. hancce  
Coloniam Nov. Bruns. feliciter procurante.

Hon. Geo. Shore,  
Hon. Thos. Baillie,  
Car. J. Peters,  
Geo. F. Street,  
Ric. Simonds,  
Joan E. Woolford Archit.

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A small stone was then placed above the Plate, in a Socket made to receive the same, and putted in; the principal workman, then placed over the whole, a large square Stone, prepared for the purpose, well bedded in mortar, and when laid, His Excellency received from the hands of the Architect in succession the Plumb, the square and the Level, each of which he applied to the Stone, in these proper positions, and after

giving three strokes with the mallet, upon it, pronounced it to be "well formed, true and trusty."

The laying the Stone being thus completed, our Reverend Archdeacon advanced within a few paces of the work, and in a most impressive manner, pronounced a truly excellent and an appropriate prayer, as follows:—

THOU who never failest to look down with a kind and protecting eye, upon the actions and affairs of men, who enthroned in etherial Majesty, condescendest to behold the dwellers upon earth, and from the immeasurable height thou inhabitest, sendest forth thy ministering spirits to help and guide them on their way—deign at this moment we humbly pray Thee, of thy goodness ineffable, to lend thy favorable attention to the imperfect petition we now profer before Thee, and shed thy blessing upon this operation of our hands—Confident that without Thee, nothing we undertake can prosper, for all things with Thee begin, continue and have an end.—Thou art the foundation of all things, and of all that is made Thou art the master—at thy command, Nations and Empires rise, and at Thy pleasure they flourish or decay.—Hear us then, we beseech Thee O God of Heaven and Earth, in our appeal to Thy goodness, and "prosper Thou our handy work" which under Thy gracious favour we have this day commenced—

"May the edifice that shall arise from this foundation become an ornament to the land, and under the shadow of thy wings long stand secure from accident or harm, a proud and noble monument of this Country's prosperity and greatness. May the August Personage under whose auspices it rears its stately head, long be permitted to enjoy within its Courts that domestic happiness which a virtuous family affords, and that public satisfaction which talent combined with integrity, must ever produce.—May Religion "pure and undefiled" be a constant inmate here, and its professors ever bear in mind that true greatness consists in goodness—and may the people over whom the Rulers of this land shall preside, be fully sensible of their worth, and ever show forth their gratitude for the blessings they enjoy, under the most mild and paternal Government on earth; by obedience to the Laws, and unswerving loyalty and attachment, to their Country and their King.

Let these be the blessings O God, that shall light upon this House, and so let our Country flourish, through Him in whose name we will praise Thee for ever more, Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour.

AMEN.

After which His Excellency was pleased to address the Commissioners in the following words:

To the Commissioners appointed to carry into effect the rebuilding of Government House.

GENTLEMEN,

IF the work we have now commenced had been undertaken in favourable times, under prosperous circumstances, and urged by no direful causes, I should have witnessed this ceremony with unmixed pleasure. But being to restore an expensive edifice consumed in that dreadful calamity which involved so many Persons in ruin and distress, from which, notwithstanding the liberal charities that have been poured in, they will long be sufferers, I have always felt, and to a degree in which all sense of inconvenience is lost, the deepest regret that in my time and for my residence such a charge should be brought upon the Finances of the Country; and strongly though I felt it so at the period of the calamity, that re-

gret has now become more profound from sympathy with other distresses and embarrassments which have since occurred. But we cannot help what has passed. This work is necessary to the well being of New-Brunswick, and being so it affords me pleasure to learn that you have entered into a contract upon terms advantageous to the Public, and at an expence below what was contemplated by the Legislature.

Should Almighty God, whose special favor and mercy have just been invoked to prosper this undertaking and bless its purposes spare me till it is reared, and our Gracious Sovereign ordain that I be its first resident, I shall not fail to do all in my power to use it in the manner and for the purposes which you have expressed, Gentlemen, in such gratifying terms. Should other destiny be assigned me, whether in retirement or in other office, I shall never forget that I laid the square and the rule to the tearing of this Edifice; that I have placed my name under its foundation as a typical signature of the deed I contract afresh with the Country and with the Society. That I have laid this foundation on the spot in which I became acquainted with you, and on which my family and myself have passed many happy days. The site too, of a calamity in which, I acknowledge it gratefully, my family received so much kindness and protection, and from which my property was rescued by the joint exertions of persons, many of whom I see around me. Need I say, that with so many and such sentiments as these, I feel this to be a day of great interest!

May the maternal structure be prosperous, and in it, may the policies and measures of wise and good government for ever be formed and observed for the well being of New-Brunswick; and here, may the Society resort in pleasure, health and happiness, to renew such scenes as those in which you have already joined.

When His Excellency concluded, the band of the 52d Regiment, being in attendance, struck up the National Anthem of "God Save the King," which was followed by three hearty Cheers.

A Donation from His Excellency and the Commissioners was placed on the Stone for the workmen; when the assemblage dispersed.

A large Party dined afterwards with His Excellency and Lady Douglas, on the occasion, and the evening passed off with great conviviality.

**TRANSLATION OF THE INSCRIPTION ON THE PLATE.**

Under the Protection of the Almighty, Sir Howard Douglas, Bart. &c. &c. Lieut. Gov. of this Province,

hath laid this Stone as the Foundation of a Residence for the Governor of this Province on the Site of the former House, which was unfortunately destroyed by Fire, on the 19th Day of September, 1825.

For the rebuilding of which Edifice the Council and Assembly have from the Public Treasury furnished the Expences, as a proof of Gratitude for the signal Benefits which they, and the other Inhabitants of the Province enjoy under the

Protection of the Paternal Sceptre of Britain and as a Pledge of inviolable Fidelity to their Sovereign in the Seventh Year of the Reign of the most Serene George the Fourth, King of Great-Britain and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. &c.

and also during the happy Administration of Sir Howard Douglas, Bart. C. B. F. R. S. in the Welfare and Prosperity of this Colony

most warmly interested,  
1st July 1826

Hon. Geo. Shore,  
Hon. Thos. Baillie,  
Charles J. Peters,  
Geo. F. Street,  
R. Simonds,

J. E. WOOLFORD, Archt.

On Saturday last the Lord Bishop of Nova Scotia arrived at the Seat of Government in the Steam Boat St. George on an