

PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT OF NEW-BRUNSWICK.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, Dec. 17, 1828.

His Majesty's Council this day presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, their Address in answer to the Speech, as follows:—

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

The Address of His Majesty's Council in General Assembly.

May it please your Excellency,

WE thank your Excellency for your Speech, and, well aware that no season can be inconvenient which is occupied in the performance of important Public Duties, are happy in the opportunity of assuring your Excellency of our cordial and animated co-operation in furtherance of those measures which your Excellency has recommended to the General Assembly for the benefit of the Province.

We are gratified to learn, that notwithstanding the Revenue of the present is not equal to that of past years, yet that the vitality of our financial resources remains essentially powerful and undiminished.

It is a source of much satisfaction to us, to understand that many operations of internal improvement have made so great advances, and we are thankful to your Excellency for arrangements, which, notwithstanding the lowering aspect of the times, have enabled your Excellency to obviate those difficulties which would otherwise have pressed so disastrously on the people of this Province.

With the importance of Agriculture and the Fisheries as elements of national wealth and maritime strength, we are fully impressed, and will give unceasingly our most serious attention to whatever may tend to foster to maturity the powers of New-Brunswick as an agricultural Country, or promote the cultivation of those sources of an extended Commerce with which her coasts abound.

In the returning Commercial prosperity of Great-Britain we unfeignedly rejoice, alike from sentiments of grateful attachment, as from a certainty that ere long the influence of her increasing welfare will be felt on these Shores, and no endeavour shall be wanting on our part, in accordance with your Excellency's view of this subject, to devise such arrangements as shall enable our articles of Export, whether raw or in a manufactured state, to pass in to the markets of the world with a stamp of the first Commercial character.

The Institutions of Education and Learning must ever claim our warmest support and watchful care, and we shall continue to look with profound anxiety to the interests of that noble establishment which our Gracious Sovereign has so munificently patronised, as the birth place of the learning and moral education of the youth of this Country, and the nursery of sentiments of reverence for the Institutions of the Parent State, and of attachment to the august Family of its Royal Benefactor.

Fully sensible of the energetic exertions of your Excellency in regard to the Militia, we shall receive with much satisfaction, and pay the most considerate attention to all such communications as you may be pleased to make to us upon this important subject.—We duly appreciate the great benefits that must result from the unceasing assiduity of your Excellency, in superintending the means to render more effectual that powerful arm of national defence.

This new mark of His Majesty's wonted munificence, paternal regard and unbounded confidence in His faithful subjects of this Province, in furnishing them so amply with all necessary Military equipments, impress us with sentiments of the most lively and sincere gratitude and thankfulness, and we assure your Excellency that we confidently trust, that whenever the hour of danger may arrive, that the same spirit of unconquerable loyalty which led their ancestors to sacrifice every thing in defence of their King and Country, will still be found to animate the bosoms of the Sons of New-Brunswick.

The great lines of communication through the Province will claim our special care, as will any measure likely to render the collection of the proceeds of the statute labour more equal in principle, and in application more efficient.

We view with unmixed satisfaction your Excellency's unwearied desire to bring into operation great national and intercolonial measure, of

opening a water communication between the Gulph of St. Lawrence and the Bay of Fundy, to which we will give our grave consideration, and we beg to express the sense we entertain of the labours and strenuous endeavours made by your Excellency to mature and bring into one condensed scheme of general and individual benefit, an arrangement so important in all its various ramifications, and for recommending it so strongly to the attention of His Majesty's Government.

In the proposed plan of placing additional Light Houses on our Coasts, we strongly concur, as one equally judicious and humane, and promising to facilitate so much our different Commercial relations.

Of the benefits bestowed upon us by the Almighty, we are humbly and reverently conscious, and of the privileges we possess under the British Constitution, and the blessings we enjoy under the Parental Government of our Most Gracious Sovereign, we are truly sensible: and equally aware of the many inherent advantages we possess, it shall be our anxious study to develop and transmit them to our Posterity, improved to the utmost of our Powers, remembering always with sincere respect and thankfulness, that Representative of our Monarch whose zealous devotion to the interests of New-Brunswick has been so conspicuous throughout his administration.

To which His Excellency was pleased to return the following Answer:—

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council;

I receive with infinite satisfaction these animated assurances of your cordial co-operation in furtherance of those measures which I have recently recommended.

In the exertions which I have devoted to the interests of New-Brunswick, I have been ably supported, wisely and soundly assisted by all the Great Bodies with which I have had the good fortune to act; and I place firm and fixed reliance on His Majesty's Council, in those deliberations to which it is now called in a General Assembly whose branches I have the happiness to find renewing a zealous and harmonious co-operation to effect the great paramount object, of all, the Public Good. To these advantages shall I ever ascribe whatever of success may attend the measures which I have proposed.

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

The Humble Address of the House of Assembly.

May it please your Excellency,

WE, the Representatives of His Majesty's Loyal Subjects in the Province of New-Brunswick, thank your Excellency for the Speech you have been pleased to make at the opening of the present Session.

We are gratified to learn, that although the Revenue of the present year may not be quite equal to that of the last, yet, that the financial resources of the Province are substantially sound and unimpaired.

We thank your Excellency for your promise, that the Treasurer's Accounts shall (as soon as they can be prepared) be laid before us: And your Excellency may rely on our making suitable provision for the ordinary services of the Province.

We fully concur with your Excellency, in the expediency of making less liberal appropriations than usual, for some of the extraordinary and other services of the Province, and in the necessity of a rigid observance of economy in the management of its financial concerns.

We are happy to hear from your Excellency, that the liberal grants which have been made for several important public works, have been promptly applied, and that they have effected all that could have been contemplated.

It gives us great satisfaction to perceive, that, under the judicious and fostering care of your Excellency, the Agriculture of the Province still continues to make great and visible improvement; and your Excellency may be assured, that the all important subjects of Agriculture and the Fisheries, shall receive our distinct and diligent attention.

It affords us great encouragement to observe the improvement which has taken place in the Commercial affairs of the Mother Country, and we are cheered with the prospect that a corresponding improvement is about to reach those branches of Trade

in which this Province is more immediately concerned. We are fully sensible that in this favorable conjuncture, it will behoove the Legislature to devise some measure for better regulating the manufacture and shipment of the great staple commodity of the Country.

We duly appreciate the importance of making liberal provision for the Institutions of Education and Learning, and your Excellency's recommendation on this subject, shall receive our earnest and respectful attention.

We thank your Excellency for the highly gratifying information, that Arms have been furnished for the Militia of this Province, without any charge upon its local funds; which affords another convincing proof of the continued liberality and fostering care of the Mother Country. By placing these in the hands of a zealous, hardy and loyal population, regulated by an efficient Militia System, a formidable Barrier will be presented for the defence and security of the Country, whenever their services may be required.—Any further communication, which your Excellency may be pleased to make on this subject, shall receive our diligent attention.

We have much pleasure in observing, that the liberal appropriations for the improvement of Great Roads have in general been applied to the best advantage, and we fully agree with your Excellency, that such a scale should be adopted in the assessment of Statute Labour on the Roads, as to render it more equally adapted to the different circumstances of the People.

The information which your Excellency has obtained relative to a water communication from the Bay of Fundy, to the Gulph of St. Lawrence, is subject of very great importance to this and the neighbouring Colonies, is an additional instance of your Excellency's constant and anxious solicitude to promote the welfare of this Province: The communications which your Excellency has been pleased to say shall be laid before us, will receive our fullest consideration.

We are fully convinced of the necessity and policy of adopting some general measure by which the approach to, and navigation of our Coasts may be rendered more safe; and we will most cheerfully cooperate with your Excellency in any measure which may facilitate so desirable an object.

We participate with your Excellency in the sanguine and cheering hope, that, (notwithstanding the great depression and calamity of recent times,) this Province, with her resources and natural capabilities, drawn forth and developed by the active and judicious administration of your Excellency, will ere long flourish in no common degree; and we have the fullest reliance that the Loyal Inhabitants of New-Brunswick will at all times be disposed to second your Excellency's exertions, to secure for them a continuance of the blessings and advantages they now enjoy."

And being returned, Mr. Speaker reported, that His Excellency was pleased to make the following Reply thereto:—

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

In my solicitude to promote the welfare of New-Brunswick, it affords me great satisfaction to receive the assurances presented in this Address, of the cordial concurrence of the House of Assembly, in those measures by which it has ever appeared to me, this great object may best be effected. I place the fullest reliance on your zeal, wisdom and liberality, to aid me in all measures that may be necessary to draw forth and develop the natural resources and capabilities of the Province, and to secure to its loyal Inhabitants a continuance of the blessings and advantages they now enjoy."

EXTRACTS FROM THE JOURNAL.

Tuesday, December 15th.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House, and Reports, and other Documents, relative to a projected Canal to connect the waters of the Bay of Fundy with those of the Gulph of St. Lawrence. Ordered that the several Documents lie on the Table, for the information of the House.

THE House now held by Capt. Douglas, corner of St. John's Street; persons desirous of renting the same, please enquire of E. W. MILLER. Fredericton, Decemr 1828.