

FREDERICTON, Feb. 26, 1828.

CONGRATULATORY ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY SIR HOWARD DOUGLAS.

A public meeting of the Rector, Warden and Vestry of Christ Church, Fredericton, and of the Inhabitants of Fredericton and its vicinity, was held in Christ Church, the 29th day of February 1828 - When it was proposed and Unanimously Resolved, to present to His Excellency Sir Howard Douglas, Lieutenant Governor &c. &c. a Congratulatory Address upon the recovery of His Excellency and Family from their late convalescence - And the following gentlemen, being nominated a Committee to present the same, waited upon His Excellency the next day for that purpose :...

For the Church Corporation.

- GEORGE BEAT, Archdeacon and Rector. GEORGE M'CAWLEY, A.M. HENRY SMITH, J. P. JEBEDIAH SLASON, J. P. Church Wardens.

For the Inhabitants of Fredericton.

- Hon. THOMAS BAILLIE, Rev. JAMES SOMERVILLE, L. L. D. Pres. Coll. N. B. E. W. MILLER, High Sheriff.

For the Inhabitants in the Vicinity of Fredericton.

- F. P. ROBINSON, J. P. CHARLES LEE, JAMES MILLS, A. C. SOMERVILLE, A. M.

To His Excellency Major-General Sir Howard Douglas, Bart., Commander-in-Chief, and Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of New-Brunswick, &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

WE, the appointed Representatives of the Corporation of Christ Church, and the Inhabitants of Fredericton, in general, and its neighbourhood, beg leave to present to your Excellency, the following Congratulatory Address :...

Impressed with every feeling of gratitude to Divine Providence, for the many blessings we enjoy under its omnipotent care and protection; We, the Corporation of Christ Church, for ourselves, and on the part of the Inhabitants of Fredericton, in general, and its neighbourhood; cannot already pass by those mercies your Excellency has so recently experienced, under the correcting hand of an All-wise Providence: and calling to mind the imminent dangers, under which at one time we were threatened to be deprived of your Excellency's valuable, and justly appreciated services, but which are now so happily restored unto us; we are on every side bound to offer our sincere congratulations upon your Excellency's recovery, and entrance again upon your public duties. Not only in gratitude to Him, who is whatever He is pleased or ordet, cause all things to work together for the good of His people; but from the pure feelings of respect and esteem for your Excellency, personally; from a becoming sense of the benefits the Province in general, has already derived under your Excellency's fostering care; and from the persuasion of your Excellency's desire and ability to do good in your exalted station.

In the late sufferings of your Excellency's Family, particularly those of Lady Douglas, this Community has sincerely and deeply sympathized with your Excellency... and it is not with common feelings of condolence,

tion, they venture to congratulate your Excellency on her happy convalescence. The poor and destitute would in Lady Douglas have lost a Friend and a Mother; the charitable Institutions of this place, a powerful Benefactress; and Society an ornament and pattern of virtue and goodness.

Thus, Sir, have we endeavoured to discharge the pleasing duty entrusted to us; and we take our leave with the fervent wish of every good man in this Parish and neighbourhood, when we say,

May God preserve your Excellency and family, to much good, for many years.

To which His Excellency was pleased to make the following Reply :—

To the appointed Representatives of the Corporation of Christ Church, and of the Inhabitants of Fredericton and its neighbourhood.

GENTLEMEN,

WITH a profound and devout sense of gratitude to Almighty God for His late mercies vouchsafed to my family and myself, I return you my grateful acknowledgements for this Congratulatory Address on my re-appearance in the discharge of my public duties, and for those feelings which you are pleased to manifest towards me, personally, accompanied by many gratifying assurances.

In the concern expressed in this Address, for the recent afflictions which have been so general in my family, I feel particularly sensible for the deep sympathy which has been evinced during the protracted and dangerous malady under which Lady Douglas has been suffering. I shall ever feel gratefully attached to this Community, for the tributes which it has thus borne to her worth; for the attachment thus shown to her person; for the prayers that have been offered for her recovery; and for these congratulations on her convalescence.

I trust we may now look forward to the blessings of a speedy restoration to health, and that we may soon be enabled to resume all our wonted duties; and to continue to discharge all other obligations which we have ever felt belonging to our station. We hope, too, soon to have the happiness of renewing, with the society around us, that social intercourse which has been so long, and so painfully interrupted.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, FEBRUARY 21, 1828.

The House of Assembly this day, at two o'clock, waited upon His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor at Government House, and presented the following Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the present Session :...

To His Excellency Major-General Sir Howard Douglas, Baronet, Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of New-Brunswick, &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 New-Brunswick, thank Your Excellency for your Speech at the opening of this Session of the Legislature.

Called by the voice of the People to the high trust of attending to their concerns in the Government of this Province, we feel the conviction that this great duty is best discharged by cultivating sound principles of loyalty and affection to our Beloved King, and feelings of attachment to our Parent State.

We agree with Your Excellency, that the gradual recovery of the Commerce,

Navigation and Manufactures of the Mother Country, from the depression under which they have been suffering, affords us at the commencement of our labours, a cheering indication of an improved state of public affairs:—And although this improvement has not yet reached with much effect, the principal sources of our trade, yet we feel persuaded that as we severely felt the consequences of the embarrassments of the Parent State, we shall ere long participate in the reaction and vigor of her improving Commerce.

We perceive the wisdom of Your Excellency's recommendation, that, profiting by past experience, the Country should be cautious in employing too much of its means in precarious enterprises, which have heretofore occasioned so much embarrassment and distress.

We learn with much satisfaction from Your Excellency, that the internal industry of the Country, is in a state of progressive improvement, and that we have fair prospects that the several branches of general industry will be so directed, as to produce substantial and permanent benefit to the Province.

It affords us great pleasure to find that the Revenue of the past, has exceeded that of the preceding year, and that Your Excellency feels an assurance that it may now be considered to be in a course of gradual improvement: This propitious circumstance affords ample proof, that notwithstanding the late Commercial embarrassments, (the natural effect of excessive speculation) this Province possesses resources, which under a corrected system of management will soon restore it to a high degree of prosperity. The Commercial distress of the two preceding years, can no doubt, prevented our merchants from deriving the full advantages which the extended Commercial privileges granted to us by His Majesty's Government, would otherwise have afforded; yet we indulge the hope that the severe trial is past, and that our trade may now be considered as beginning to recover its former activity and energy.

We thank Your Excellency for your promise to lay the Treasurer's Accounts before us. Your Excellency may rely upon our making proper provision for the Ordinary Services of the Province.

We most fully concur in Your Excellency's views with respect to the encouragement of Agriculture, unquestionably a subject of primary importance; to effect this great object, so often recommended by Your Excellency, public spirit which ought to animate the breast of every well wisher to his Country, must continue to excite the most strenuous exertions;—To this deeply interesting subject, we will give the most diligent attention.

From the Geographical position of this Province, it does not possess equal advantages with some of our Sister Colonies, in prosecuting the Fisheries upon the Coasts of British America; it therefore becomes a measure of indispensable necessity, to give effectual encouragement to this most important branch of business, upon which much of our commercial importance may hereafter depend.

All such objects of public utility as have heretofore been protected by the Legislature, and which have been found to answer the intended purposes, shall have our diligent attention;—among these, the Institutions of Education stand pre-eminent.

We are pleased to hear that Your Excellency intends to lay before us Reports and other papers upon the subject of the Great Roads; and we feel assured that under the superintending care of Your Excellency, much will be done to secure to the public the full benefit of such grants as may hereafter be made for this service.

Such objects as Your Excellency may be pleased to recommend by Message during this Session, shall receive prompt attention.

We feel assured of Your Excellency's approbation of our proceedings in the discharge of the high trust reposed in us by the People of this Province; animated as we ought to be, and as we trust we are by an ardent desire to promote the happiness and prosperity of the Country.

To which His Excellency was pleased to make the following Reply :—

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

IN the Representative station in which you address me, there is nothing that can afford me more entire satisfaction, than that spirit of loyalty to our Beloved King, and those feelings of attachment to our Parent State, which you have expressed, and which are well known to animate the people you represent.

I am much gratified by the distinct terms in which the House of Assembly expresses their concurrence in the views and sentiments which I have lately laid before the Legislature, on all the more important branches of public affairs; and I receive, with the highest satisfaction, the assurances contained in your Address, that you will give diligent attention and encouragement to those measures.

Animated, as I am sure you are, by an ardent desire to promote the happiness and prosperity of the Country, I feel assured that your proceedings in the discharge of the high trust reposed in you, will be such, as to receive my continued approbation.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, FEB. 21.

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, Bart. Lieutenant-Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Province of New Brunswick, &c. &c.

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

HIS Majesty's Council beg leave to thank your Excellency for your Speech at the opening of the present Session.

The improvements which has taken place in the trade and manufactures of the Mother Country, is a source of great gratification to us; and as the Commercial concerns of this Province were affected indistinctly by the revolution which occurred in Great-Britain, so we trust the time is not far distant when we shall experience a sensible benefit from the renovation which is in progress there.

At the same time we fully concur with your Excellency in the sentiment, that the severe losses under which the Province is even now suffering, should prevent its Inhabitants from ever again embarking so heedlessly and profusely in branches of business which have been proved to be so precarious in their nature. The apparent indications of our internal industry being directed to pursuits of more steady character and permanent advantage, are cheering to us; and we shall be ready to contribute all in our power, fully to accomplish so desirable an object.

We confidently hope that the measures which His Majesty's Government have adopted with regard to the Colonial trade, will be permanent. The inter-colonial intercourse which will result from these measures, if steadily pursued in the spirit in which they appear to have originated, can-