spirit of loyal attachment to our Gracious Sovereign and His Government, which has hitherto uniformly distinguished them.

The Council thank your Excellency for the particular view which your Excellency has been pleased to lay before them, of the affairs of the Province in all their relations; and they offer to your Excellency a renewed assurance, that they will at all times be ready to concur in such measures as shall tend to promote the public good and advance the Province in that solid course which leads to the state of permanent prosperity and importance, which is the evident object of Your Excellency's wishes and exertions, and which the natural resources of the Country, fully developed, and wisely managed, will enable it to attain.

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

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

I RECEIVE this Address with the highest degree of satisfaction. The assurances contained in it are eminently calculated to afford me consolation and support under past and present difficulties occasioned by the late calamitous occurrences. I am deeply sensible of those acknowledgements which you present, as to the effect of any personal exertions that may have been used by me on those melancholy occasions. Whatever my dispositions may have been, my exertions were comparatively unavailing, and in the very effectual public measures which were adopted, I was prompted and aided by advice which reflects the greatest credit on the Executive Councils of the Land.

I rely with much pleasure on your renewed assurances that you will at all times be ready to concur in all measures that may tend to promote the Public good, and the advancement of the Province in that solid course which leads to a state of permanent prosperity and importance. To these great objects my wishes and exertions shall always be devoted, and I am well persuaded that the natural resources of this Country, fully developed and wisely managed, will soon raise this Province to a very high degree of value and consideration among the extended Possessions of the British Crown.

Fredericton, 25th Jan. 1826.

The House of Assembly this day waited upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor with the following Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech at the opening of the Session:—

To His Excellency Major-General Sir HOWARD DOUGLAS, Bart. 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 the Loyal People of New Brunswick, thank your Excellency for the Speech which you were pleased to make at the opening of this Session of the Legislature; we are assured that in meeting us at this early period, your Excellency has been influenced by the most benevolent feelings towards the sufferers by the late awful calamities with which it has pleased Almighty God to visit several districts of this Province.

We cannot sufficiently admire the prompt and effectual measures which were adopted by your Excellency upon the first report of the extent and destructive progress of the late conflagrations, to relieve the immediate necessities of those unfortunate sufferers, who were thrown in a destitute condition upon the charity of their fellow subjects; your Excellency's timely visit to those scenes of desolation and distress, inspired the desponding with confidence, and added energy to the endeavours of all others, in providing shelter from the rigours of an approaching winter, by which many useful settlers were induced to alter the resolutions which they had formed to leave the Country.

The humane, liberal and prompt measures which were adopted by the Governments and People of our Sister Colonies, for the relief of the sufferers at Miramichi, call for our warmest expressions of gratitude.

We have also gratefully to acknowledge the deep sympathy which has been manifested for our suffering fellow-subjects, by the people of the United States, of North America, whose overflowing bounty has so largely contributed to their comfort. The noble manner in which they came forward on the first news of our distress, affords a pleasing proof, that Christian benevolence is not confined by political boundaries, or distinctions; the generous feelings thus manifested by these Charitable people, must cement more closely, the good understanding which now happily subsists between the two Countries.

The fund which has been instituted by your Excellency, and which has for its object, the restoration of the dwellings, and re establishment of the industrious occupations and affairs of the sufferers by the late fires, must greatly tend to the future prosperity of those districts which were so lately the scenes of devastation and distress; we have a perfect conviction, founded upon the sure basis of experience, that whatever sums may be placed at the disposal of your Excellency, will be most promptly, judiciously, and effectually applied; your Excellency's suggestions with regard to the manner of rebuilding our Towns and Villages which have been wholly, or in part destroyed, demand our most serious attention, as being the best means of preventing future calamities.

We thank your Excellency for your promise of laying the Treasurer's accounts before us, as well as the account of expence incurred in purchasing and sending supplies for the relief of the sufferers at Miramichi; Your Excellency may rely upon our making provision for the ordinary services of the Province, and for paying the expence incurred in relieving these unfortunate people, which we are gratified to learn, may be done without inconvenience, from the prosperous state of the Treasury, and that we shall also be enabled to provide for other objects of public utility.

The general affairs of the Province, notwithstanding the recent calamities are certainly in a prosperous condition; we have already experienced much benefit in pursuing measures which your Excellency recommended, when you first met the Legislature of this Province, and we doubt not, that by steadily pursuing the course then pointed out, this colony will continue to increase rapidly in prosperity and importance.

The commercial privileges, which by the liberal and enlightened policy of His Majesty's Government, have been extended to the colonies, open to us a most cheering prospect; these privileges, together with the great relief afforded to our commerce by the abolition of Custom House fees, constrain us to acknowledge with gratitude the unbounded liberality of our Parent State.

It affords us unmixed satisfaction to learn from Your Excellency, that the Revenue continues to increase, and that new channels of Trade have been explored with advantage, by the enterprize of our Merchants: The restrictions which have been removed from British Commerce, we are fully persuaded will be highly beneficial to every part of the Empire.

Ship building having increased to a great extent during the past year, there has in consequence been a great addition to the rate of wages in our Ship yards. Yet, notwithstanding this unfavorable circumstance, we indulge the hope that this important business will be conducted with a corresponding increase of benefit to the Province.

The Fisheries begin also to be more actively and beneficially prosecuted, and we look to that branch of industry, as a vast source of wealth, and one that ought to be most assiduously cherished and protected.

We have observed with grateful feelings and with the most agreeable anticipations, Your Excellency's persevering endeavors to acquaint yourself with, and to improve the internal affairs of this Province; and it cannot but be gratifying to us, to learn that in the course of the several long and arduous journies which Your Excellency has performed, you are convinced that the Province possesses great capacities for improvement.

The steps taken by Your Excellency to promote the Agricultural interests of the Country, have already been attended with the best effects; we feel the expediency of attending closely to the plans proposed, and recommended by Your Excellency to accelerate this highly important object, which if persevered in, will undoubtedly lead to the most beneficial results.

We are so well satisfied that the system adopted by your Excellency with regard to the improvement of the Great Roads, has been most beneficial to the true interests of the Province, that we have every confidence for the future, satisfied that under the control of Your Excellency, the communications through the Province will rapidly improve.

The Institutions for the education of Youth, shall have our early attention, and more particularly the College of New-Brunswick, which Your Excellency encourages us to expect will soon be established upon a respectable and liberal footing. Your Excellency's recommendation with regard to the Militia, shall also have our early attention; the annual Inspection of the several Regiments and Battalions in the Province, by Officers of experience, will doubtless be attended with the best effects.

The Savings Banks which have been established under the auspices of Your Excellency, have succeeded beyond our utmost expectations, and are producing beneficial changes in the habits of many of the lower ranks of Society.

The measures pursued by Your Excellency, with regard to the projected Canal, to unite the waters of the Bay of Fundy with those of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, are highly satisfactory: We are gratified to find that Your Excellency's attention has been directed to the improvement of the Navigation of the River St. John, and particularly to the best means of surmounting the obstacles which impede the transit of Timber from the upper parts of this great River.

The Societies which have been formed in different parts of the Province for the encouragement of Emigrants, and the improvement of Agriculture, and the breed of cattle, will no doubt, if conducted with energy and discretion, have a most salutary effect, in exciting emulation in Agricultural pursuits, and in improving the general condition of the country. To your Excellency's exertions in first recommending and forming these Societies, we are wholly indebted for the flattering prospects which now begin to open upon us. Your Excellency's recommendation with regard to the continuation of the grant of the last Session in aid of these Societies, shall have our early consideration.

We are now assembled for the purpose of continuing our Legislative duties, and we look forward with the most flattering hopes. From our experience of the earnest solicitude of your Excellency to promote our true interests, and conviction of the wisdom of your Excellency's views, and measures, we feel the most perfect assurance, that in supporting all the various objects to which your Excellency has directed our attention, we shall most beneficially and affectually discharge the high trust reposed in us, and we doubt not, that by a perseverence in the same steady course, New-Brunswick will soon, under the paternal administration of your Excellency, acquire a high rank and consideration among the extended possessions of the British Crown.

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

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

I RECEIVE this Address with the highest degree of satisfaction. It conveys fully to me, the relief and support which I sought, in this early resort to your wisdom and liberality, under the calamities and difficulties which have been lately experienced.

I shall ever reflect with much satisfaction on the acknowledgments and assurances you present as to the effect, which you ascribe to my personal exertions; and particularly as to those very effectual Public measures which were adopted for the relief of the sufferers; and I thank you for your assurance, that you will make provision for the expense incurred by those measures.

Convinced that the general affairs of the Province, have experienced much benefit, by the support you have afforded to those measures which I recommended, at the commencement of my administration, and encouraged by your assurances that you will support the various objects to which I directed your attention, under a firm persuasion that by a steady perseverance in such a course, New-Brunswick, may be raised to a high degree of rank and consideration, among the extended Possessions of His Majesty, I shall continue to do all that may depend upon me to realize expectations which I entertain with so much confidence, by pursuing steadily that path which may most effectually attain the great objects we have in view.

FREDERICTON, (N. B.)

TUESDAY, 31st January, 1826.

Alms-House and Work-House.

COMMISSIONER FOR THE WEEK,
HENRY SMITH, Esquire.

SAVINGS BANK.

TRUSTEES NEXT WEEK,
HENRY G. CLOPPER, ESQ.
JAMES TAYLOR, ESQ.
HENRY SMITH, ESQ.

Amount deposited Yesterday, £72 16.

Mr. PRINTER,

The Firewards, at the late Fire in the town of Fredericton, having had great cause of complaint against a number of the inhabitants for their want of exertion and disobedience of the orders of the Firewards, by leaving the line, and neglecting to work the Engines, request you will publish in the Gazette the 4th, 5th, and 6th Sections of the Act of Assembly, 5. Geo. 4, c. 5. in order that such Persons may be fully aware of the penalties they incur by such neglect.

The Firewards had entertained the hope that the late awful visitation, would have awakened all classes of the Inhabitants, to a sense of the obligation incumbent on every man to exert himself to the utmost on such occasions, but they are sorry to be obliged to remark that on Thursday night last, the men of the 52d Regt. (to whom, and to their Officers, the Inhabitants have on every alarm of Fire, been so much indebted for their zealous exertions,) were left for a long time to work one of the Engines, without any assistance from the Inhabitants.

Extract from the Act for the better extinguishing of Fires in the Town of Fredericton.

IV. *And be it further enacted*, That whenever a fire shall break out in the said Town or in its vicinity, and during the continuance thereof, the said Firewards are hereby authorized and required, jointly or separately, to command assistance for extinguishing the fire, and removing household stuff, furniture, books, public stores, goods and merchandise, out of any houses, storehouses and other buildings, actually on fire, or in danger thereof, and to appoint persons to take care of the same, and also to require assistance to prevent the further spreading of the fire in the said Town, and to prevent tumults and disorders in the same; and the said Firewards respectively, are required upon the notice of the fire breaking forth in the said Town (taking their Badges and Trumpets with them,) immediately to repair to the place and vigorously to exert their authority in requiring assistance, and to use their utmost endeavours to extinguish the fire, and prevent its spreading, and to preserve and secure property and effects, both public and private; and due obedience is hereby required to be yielded to them and each and every of them accordingly, for that service, as well by the person or persons having the charge and management of any Engine or Engines in the said Town, as all other persons whomsoever.

V. *And be it further enacted*, That for every refusal or neglect of any person to obey the order of any Fireward, in performing any of the duties and services hereinbefore mentioned, such person shall forfeit and pay the sum of Forty Shillings, to be recovered upon conviction before any one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of York, on the oath of a Fireward, or any other credible witness, and levied by distress and sale of the offender's goods and chattels; and for want of sufficient distress, such offender shall suffer eight days imprisonment, unless the penalty and costs shall be sooner paid; which penalty, when recovered, shall be paid into the hands of the Firewards of the said Town, or their Treasurer for the time being, to be applied by them towards defraying the necessary expence attending the keeping the Engine or Engines of the said Town in a proper state of repair and equipment, and any other necessary expences attending the keeping the Fire Companies of the said Town in a proper state of organization.

VI. *And whereas* it is necessary that prompt and implicit obedience should at all times during the raging of a fire, be paid to the directions of the Firewards: *Be it further enacted*, that the said Firewards respectively, or any or either of them, shall have power,