

Such a revision and consolidation of the Provincial Statutes as will present them in a less complicated and more intelligible form than at present, will be of great public advantage, and we will duly consider any measure of the kind which may be laid before us.

The Postal restrictions under which we have hitherto suffered, having for so long a period afforded ground of complaint, we are highly gratified to hear that the Parliament of Great Britain have at length given the Colonial Legislatures authority to deal with the subject, and we shall diligently apply ourselves in order to mature such a measure as will materially facilitate the Postal Communication throughout the Province.

Appreciating as we ever have the vast importance of our Common Schools, in relation to the moral, social and political advancement of the Country, we shall spare no effort in devising such means as we shall deem best adapted to improve the character and extend the benefits of those Institutions.

We regret that the question of Boundary between this Province and Canada remains unsettled, and we sincerely hope that ere long such a decision will be given as will shew that the rights of this Province are duly appreciated.

We are gratified to learn that the Police of the City of Saint John, organized under the Act recently passed, answers the purpose for which it was intended.

In order to give full effect to the facilities at present afforded for the purchase and settlement of Crown Lands, we shall devote our best consideration to the expediency of modifying the existing Tax on Emigrants, so far as may be consistent with a due security for their health and their ability to support themselves.

We shall thankfully receive the Accounts of the Revenue and Expenditure for the past year; and while we are happy to learn that they exhibit an improvement in our Financial condition, we are gratified with the assurance that a proper economy has been exercised in the public expenditure.

While we claim it as the exclusive right of the Representatives of the People to impose Duties and Taxes, and which Your Excellency properly admits, we acknowledge the force of Your Excellency's suggestions as to the expediency of ensuring greater certainty in our Revenue Laws for the promotion of our Commerce: We readily admit that an annual fluctuation of our Tariff may prove injurious to our Commercial interests; and we trust that, in the exercise of this, our undoubted right, we shall at all times pursue that course which will prove most advantageous to the general interests of the Province, by stimulating its productive industry, and at the same time regulating its Commercial enterprise.

We accept the expression of Your Excellency's convictions in relation to the responsibility at present attaching to the initiation of Money votes, in the same spirit in which those convictions are manifestly conveyed.

Your Excellency has truly said that the undisputed right to originate Money votes is vested in the House of Assembly.

The abandonment of the existing usage, and throwing the responsibility of making the estimates for the Public Service upon the Executive Government, and connecting therewith a system of local controul over local charges, involve questions of very grave import, and which demand our most thorough and attentive consideration; and if we can agree with Your Excellency in the belief that, by the adoption of such a course, the public expenditure would better correspond with the probable income—that the credit of the Province would be properly upheld—that no abuse of public money would be likely to take place with impunity—that economy would be promoted—habits of self reliance and self government fostered—the elements of true political freedom developed—and that such changes might be combined with an actual and immediate saving to the Provincial Revenue—then, with such convictions on our minds, it would be our inclination, as well as our duty, at once to adopt Your Excellency's suggestions, and to give our best consideration as to the mode in which they might be carried out with the greatest advantage to the Public.

We agree with Your Excellency that an Audit based on powers more stringent and more searching than those which now exist, would insure greater regularity in the Public Accounts, and would give confidence to the Public at large.

We have seen with grateful and exulting hearts our Fatherland secure amidst the floating wrecks of mighty States, exhibiting the strength and soundness of her Institutions, by the help of which, under Providence, we hope she may continue to outlive every storm; and Your Excellency may rest assured that our deliberations will be guided by a spirit of loyalty to our Queen and devotion to our Country.

REPLY:

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

I receive with much satisfaction your loyal and dutiful Address, and I rely with perfect confidence on your efforts to promote the welfare of the Province.

POST OFFICE, FREDERICTON.

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A. S. PHAIR, P. M.