

noticed, in full dress, exclusive of the President and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council, several of the Clergy of the Province; the Law Officers of the Crown; many of the Barristers and Solicitors of the Province; and a number of the principal inhabitants of Fredericton and its vicinity.

His Excellency being seated on the Throne, the Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod was sent to command the attendance of the Speaker and House of Assembly in the Council Chamber; and that Body having attended accordingly, the President of the Council approached His Excellency and presented the following Address on His Excellency's departure from the Province:—

*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 His Majesty's Council.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY;

WE, His Majesty's Council in General Assembly now convened, beg most respectfully to address your Excellency on your approaching departure for Great Britain, to fulfil the duties of a most important service, in obedience to the command of our August Sovereign; and we avail ourselves of this opportunity, to mingle with the public expression of the grateful and deep sense we entertain of the benefits conferred on New-Brunswick by your Excellency's Administration, those personal feelings of regard and attachment which a five years residence among us has created.

These five years number among them Seasons of calamity and distress, and are marked also by various events involving questions vitally important to this Province.

During this period your Excellency's unwearied and devoted exertions for the Colony, stand conspicuous. The rapid, able, and skilful development of the resources of the Province bespeak your Excellency's endeavours to promote the happiness and prosperity of its inhabitants; and the University now so happily established, while it proclaims the paternal kindness of our Gracious Monarch, will prove a perpetual monument of your Excellency's persevering zeal in the sacred cause of Education; which is further evinced by a liberal donation for the excitement and reward of merit.

That health may attend your Excellency is our earnest wish; and we fervently hope that your Excellency may experience a prosperous voyage, and a happy reunion with your highly esteemed and regretted family, and find Lady Douglas, who will be ever remembered as the Benefactress of the Poor, the Friend of all, and a bright example to the Community of which she was the Head, in possession of renewed health and strength.

Though we cannot but lament your Excellency's temporary absence from this Province, yet we derive consolation from being satisfied that its interests will continue to excite your Excellency's best energies on their account; and we shall be happy again to welcome to our shores so faithful an Advocate of the undoubted Privileges and Territorial rights of New-Brunswick.

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

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

I THANK you for this affectionate and most gratifying Address on my approaching departure for Great Britain, in obedience to the Commands of our Sovereign. I receive with infinite satisfaction this Public expression of the sense entertained by His Majesty's Council, of the effects of my Administration, and I beg to assure you, that I highly estimate those feelings of personal regard and attachment which you tender to me.

In my endeavours to promote the happiness and prosperity of New-Brunswick, the establishment of an University has been a chief and important object; and I sincerely trust, that that Establishment may stand a perpetual Monument of the Paternal kindness of our Most Gracious Monarch, and confer on the Inhabitants of New-Brunswick, to the fullest extent and most remote posterity, all the blessings and benefits, which such an Establishment is calculated to produce.

I thank you for the wishes you express, that I may experience a prosperous voyage, and a happy reunion with my Family; and I receive with peculiar satisfaction, the tribute of respect and attachment you have paid to them.

Though absent from the Province, its interests

will always command my best energies for its welfare; and the concluding assurances contained in this Address will enable me to meet His Majesty with conscientious confidence that I have faithfully discharged my Representative Duties.

The speaker of the House of Assembly then presented the following address of that House on the approaching departure of His Excellency for Great Britain.

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

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY.

THE House of Assembly having learnt, that the important Service to which our Most Gracious Sovereign has appointed your Excellency, requires your immediate departure from this Province, cannot omit the only opportunity which may be afforded them, of expressing to your Excellency, the high sense, which they, in common with the whole population of this Colony, entertain of your Excellency's wise, paternal, energetic, and impartial Administration; and they acknowledge with grateful feelings, that the deep and lively interest, which your Excellency, from the first moment of your appointment to the Government of this Province, took in all that concerned its welfare, has continued undiminished.

Under the active, judicious, and vigilant Administration of your Excellency, great improvement has been made in the rural Economy of the Country: The fisheries are more actively and successfully prosecuted; the comfort and moral condition of the poorer classes have been much improved by the operation of those provident institutions which have been established at the recommendation, and under the Patronage of your Excellency; and by the influence of other measures, recommended by your Excellency, many hitherto neglected internal resources have been developed, and the ground work laid for the gradual increase of the general prosperity of the Country.

To the persevering exertions of your Excellency, we are indebted for the establishment of an University, upon such enlightened principles as cannot fail to make it eminently useful in promoting Literature, so conducive to the happiness of mankind.

The constant solicitude, and unremitting zeal, with which your Excellency has devoted the energies of your active mind, to the advancement of the interests of His Majesty's Subjects of this Province; the unvarying kindness with which the proper representations of all were received; the patient attention with which those representations were examined, and the justice and impartiality which have marked your Excellency's decisions, all tend to bind still closer those ties, which unite us to the Parent State.

Be assured, Sir, that you will take with you the heartfelt wishes of the people of this Province, for your health and happiness, and their most ardent desires for your speedy return to this Government; and we unite in prayers that your Excellency's passage across the Atlantic may be expeditious and pleasant; that you may meet your amiable family in the enjoyment of health, and that you may be received by our Most Gracious King with that unqualified approbation, to which your Public conduct so justly entitles you.

To which His Excellency was pleased to make the following reply.

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

I THANK you for this affectionate and very gratifying address. I receive with the highest satisfaction the assurances you present, that the House of Assembly, in common with the whole population of this Colony, entertain so high a sense of the character of my Administration. The House of Assembly do not overrate the deep and lively interest which I have ever taken in the welfare of New-Brunswick, and in whatever degree my wishes and exertions to this end may have been realized, it is in a great measure to the wisdom and liberality of the House of Assembly that these great objects have been effected.

The exertions which I have used for the establishment of an University, have now happily been crowned with complete success; and I fondly trust that this important Institution may prove eminently useful and conducive to the happiness and welfare of New-Brunswick.

I am particularly sensible of the affectionate terms in which you express your prayers and wishes that my passage Home may be safe and expeditious, and that I may meet my Family in the enjoyment of perfect health.

The assurances contained in this Address, and the sentiments which the House of Assembly have at all times been pleased to express of my measures, will enable me to present myself to my Sovereign with some confidence, that my conduct in discharging the high trust of Administering the Government of this Province, will receive His Majesty's Most Gracious approbation.

The Speaker and House of Assembly then retired from the Council Chamber; upon which the joint Committee of the Council and Assembly, appointed to present the Address respecting the adopting a System for the granting of Crown Lands, approached His Excellency with the Address, (which is copied in another column,) praying his Excellency would be pleased to lay the same at the foot of the Throne. His Excellency, receiving the Address, said he would most certainly comply with the wishes of the Committee, by laying their address at the foot of his Majesty's Throne.

The House of Assembly being returned, his Excellency gave his assent to the following Bills:—

A Bill to prevent a failure of Justice by reason of variances between Records and Writings produced in evidence in support thereof.

A Bill further to continue an Act, intituled "An Act more effectually to provide for the support of a nightly watch in the City of Saint John."

A Bill to continue the Laws for regulating the Fisheries in the County of Northumberland.

A Bill to continue an Act, intituled "An Act for the regulation of Booms for securing Masts, Logs, and Lumber, in certain parts of the County of Northumberland."

A Bill to continue an Act for granting Bounties on Grain raised on New Land.

A Bill further to continue until the first day of April, 1836, "An Act to authorize the Justices of the Peace, in their General Sessions, to establish Ferries in their respective Counties."

A Bill to authorize the extension of the Gaol Limits in the City of Saint John.

A Bill for the more speedy and effectual punishment of persons keeping disorderly Houses.

A Bill for amending the Law of Evidence in certain cases.

A Bill to continue an Act, intituled "An Act to repeal all the laws now in force for the regulation of Seamen, and to make more effectual provision for that purpose."

A Bill to continue and amend an Act, intituled "An Act to provide for the surrender of the Principal in discharge of Bail, in actions pending in the Supreme Court of Judicature in this Province."

A Bill in addition to an Act, intituled "An Act for the appointment of Town and Parish Officers in the several Counties in this Province."

A Bill to extend the provisions of the several Acts regulating the exportation of Fish, to all Pickled Fish intended for exportation.

A Bill to repeal an Act, intituled "An Act for the speedy punishment and release of such persons as shall commit Criminal offences under the degree of Grand Larceny."

A Bill to regulate the appointment of County Treasurers.

A Bill to continue an Act, intituled "An Act to empower the Justices of the County of Charlotte, to make regulations for driving Timber and Logs down the Rivers Saint Croix, Magaguadavic, Digdeguash, and their Branches."

A Bill for the better regulation of Sales by Auction.

A Bill relative to the Election of Charter Officers for Guy's Ward, and Brook's Ward, in the City of Saint John.

A Bill to lay a Tax on Dogs in certain parts of the Parish of Newcastle, Chatham, and Nelson, in the County of Northumberland.

A Bill in addition to an Act, intituled "An Act to make more effectual provision for preventing the importation or spreading of infectious distempers within the Towns or Settlements on the River Miramichi."

A Bill to amend the Statute Law, relative to offences against the person, and to provide for the more effectual punishment of such offences.

A Bill in amendment of the Act for establishing Parish Schools.

A Bill to regulate the Exportation of Lumber, and to repeal all the Acts now in force relating to the same.

A Bill to repeal an Act, intituled "An Act for erecting and maintaining a Light-House, upon one of the Islands or Rocks near the South-East Coast of the Island of Grand Manan."

A Bill to provide for the Publication of the County Accounts.

A Bill to authorize the extension of the Gaol Limits in the Town of Fredericton.

A Bill to prevent Pedlars travelling and selling within this Province without Licence.

A Bill to secure and reclaim a Tract of Marsh, on the Aulac River, in the County of Westmorland.

A Bill for the Endowment of King's College, at Fredericton, in the Province of New-Brunswick, and also to make new provisions for the establishment and support of Grammar Schools throughout the Province.

A Bill further to increase the Revenue of the Province, by imposing a duty upon all Rum, and other Spirituous Liquors, that shall be distilled within the same.