

curing with us in every salutary Measure for the Benefit of his Majesty's Service, the Prosperity of the Island, and the general Interest, Harmony, and Happiness of all its inhabitants, we are sufficiently assured from your former Exertions in the Attainment of those desirable Objects. And although we have had the Misfortune to see those Exertions fail of Success, in the full Extent of your Excellency's benevolent Intentions, by the restless Tempers and malicious Pursuits of a few desperate Persons against yourself, and several of the other Officers of this Government; yet we possess now the gratifying Opportunity of congratulating both you and them, on the late Disappointment of this Malice, and on seeing perfect Harmony and good Will universally prevail among all Descriptions of People.

PETER STEWART, President.

Council Chamber, Charlotte Town,  
10th November, 1792.

#### His Excellency's ANSWER.

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

I RETURN you my very sincere Thanks for the obliging Declarations contained in this Address, of your favourable Opinion of the Measures of my Administration of his Majesty's Government in this Island.

The Assurances you give me of your ready Disposition to apply your Attention to the several important Matters which I have recommended to your Consideration, affords me the highest Pleasure;—nor can it possibly be more gratifying to you than it is pleasing to myself, that the malevolent Views of the DISCON-

trated, and that perfect Harmony and good Will universally prevail, to the general Satisfaction and public Happiness of all.

EDMUND FANNING

#### ADDRESS

Of the House of Assembly to his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, in Answer to his Speech.

To his Excellency EDMUND FANNING, LL. D. Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over his Majesty's Island of Saint John, and the Territories adjacent thereunto, &c. &c. &c.

The ADDRESS of the House of Assembly, in General Assembly convened.

May it please your Excellency,

WE, his Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Representatives of this his Majesty's island of Saint John, in General Assembly convened, beg leave to offer you our most sincere thank for your Speech at the opening of the session.

We agree with your Excellency that it is important to the interest and welfare of his Majesty's government in this island, that the different branches of the Legislature should, in the course of every year or two, as occasion may require, be convened in General Assembly, to deliberate on such public measures as may appear to be best calculated to promote the prosperity and happiness of his Majesty's faithful and loyal subjects in it—and we thank you for choosing the present time for that purpose, as being the least inconvenient for us to attend the transacting of public business.

The enacting such new laws as may be thought necessary, and the reviving and continuing such as have been found salutary and useful and near expiring, will, no doubt, engage our chief attention.

We regret that the late act of the General Assembly, for emitting debentures or bills of public credit, has not afforded that relief that was hoped for and expected, and which the state of the island so much required—And as it is particularly our duty, so your Excellency may be assured it is our inclination to point our attention to the state of the public revenue, and endeavour to devise and adopt the most practicable ways and means for satisfying the demands of public creditors, and supporting the public faith.

The want of specie, or some circulating money in this island, has, at all times, proved a discouragement to industry, and a great obstacle to trade—but is at this time in particular, so severely felt, that it appears necessary to adopt some immediate and effectual expedient to remove a misfortune so universally lamented—And we beg leave to assure your Excellency it will become a principal object of our deliberations.

ing situation of the island from the late acquisition of new settlers—the increase of winter grain, and the plentiful crops of every kind—And we look forward with pleasure on the fair prospects we have of an increase of commerce, particularly the herring fishery and lumber trade—And we sincerely agree with your Excellency in opinion, that it is only necessary for the present inhabitants, and its legislature especially, to be united, faithful and true to their own interest and the public good, in order to bring forward this valuable island into that degree of estimation and notice to which from its numerous and superior natural advantages it has so just and fair a claim. To accomplish these desirable ends, we beg leave to assure your Excellency we will use our best endeavours, that all our deliberations shall be conducted with candour and unanimity, so essential to the attainment of all public objects.

We enjoy the highest satisfaction in the opportunity we now have of congratulating your Excellency, and the other officers of this government, on their acquittal by his Majesty's most honourable Privy Council, of the numerous and unfounded accusations lately preferred there against them. At the same time we have to lament the heavy expence necessarily attending their respective defences, which has been severely felt by all descriptions of people in this Island, by keeping out of circulation the whole amount of the annual estimate of the civil establishment for the last year.

JOSEPH ROBINSON, Speaker.  
Assembly Room, Nov. 13, 1792.

#### His Excellency's ANSWER.

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

I THANK you very sincerely for your Address,—And I receive with singular satisfaction the assurances you give me of your considering the several important objects, which I have recommended to your deliberation, in that interesting point of light in which they are viewed by me; and that you will pay a proper attention to them. From thence, as well as from the recollection of the wisdom and unanimity with which the proceedings of your house have been distinguished on former occasions, I am led confidently to hope for the happiest result from your present consultations for the benefit of his Majesty's government, and the public good.

I return you, gentlemen, my very grateful acknowledgments for your obliging congratulations on a late dignified and gratifying decision. The unmerited injury, though aimed at individuals, has, no doubt, in its consequences been extended to others; and in some degree felt by the community at large.—Yet let it be remembered, with respect to dissensions and animosities of every kind, that to be oblivious of the past, is often in some measure to illumine the