

that the royal exiles were the means of expending nearly one hundred thousand pounds annually amongst the merchants and tradespeople of this city. It is also a fact, which has come to our knowledge, that during the period when cholera was raging here, the sufficient sum of £50 weekly was given by the King of France in aid of the soup-kitchens and for the purchase of medicines. His Majesty's own surgeon was, at the same time, instructed to visit the patients, and administer the bounty of his royal master. It is, indeed, impossible adequately to express the debt of gratitude which the citizens of Edinburgh owe to the illustrious family who have just been removed from amongst them.—*Edinburgh Evening Post.*

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His Majesty's Packet Calypso, Lieut. Beaton, arrived at Halifax on the 25th ult, 45 days from Falmouth, bringing the November mail containing London dates to the 8th, and Falmouth to the 10th of November. Extracts from those dates will be found in the 2nd and 3rd pages in this sheet. The Cabinets of France and England are determined on no further delay, and demand of his Dutch Majesty to evacuate the citadel of Antwerp, and the forts and places depending on it by the 12th of November; and on the event of a refusal, a naval and land force was to be put in motion by the two Governments.—Holland in reply, says the Globe, "deems it unreasonable to be called upon to evacuate territories previous to her ratification of a treaty, which she has virtually refused to ratify." The London Gazette extraordinary of the 7th Nov. says the Novossotan, "contains an order in Council, by which all British vessels are forbidden to enter or clear out for ports within the dominion of the King of the Netherlands, until further orders; an embargo is laid on all ships and vessels belonging to his subjects now within, or which shall hereafter come into British ports; and commanders of ships of war are directed to detain and bring into port all merchant ships and vessels, bearing the flag of the Netherlands. General Chasse threatens to destroy the town, the moment a French flag appears in its neighborhood.

Instead of the flourishing account, received from the States, of the capture of Miguel's fleet, it appears that the Pedroites were the sufferers, and deserved by their cowardice and blundering the rough treatment they received."

Pursuant to public notice, the General Assembly of this Colony met on Wednesday last. His Excellency the Lieut. Governor having taken his seat in the Chamber of the Legislative Council; and the House of Assembly being summoned to the Chamber, His Excellency delivered the following

SPEECH:

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

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

The early period at which you were last assembled, having been found conducive to your convenience, it affords me much pleasure to be enabled to repeat this acknowledgment of proof of my desire to respect your wishes, by summing you, in your Legislative capacity for the second time, at the commencement of a New Year, and confidently anticipate that your earnest efforts will be directed to discharge diligently, effectually, and consequently with concord, the important public duty that has been entrusted to you.

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

The Accounts and Returns of the Revenue and Expenditure of the present year, shall be laid before you without delay.

You will be gratified to perceive that our Exports and Imports are steadily on the increase, from this circumstance abstractedly viewed, it may be inferred that the usual benefits of commercial activity will soon gladden the land to a greater extent than has yet been experienced, but I may also congratulate you on the station which your trade occupies relatively to the other British Provinces in this hemisphere.

Contrasting your population and Exports and Imports with those of British North America it will be found that your importations or wants are less by £4000, and your Exports or superfluities greater by £6000, than the proportion which justly falls to your share, under a comparison made with these materials.

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

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

On subjects connected with the Public Service which may appear to me to require your deliberation, I shall take fitting opportunities of laying before you such documents or elucidation as may enable you to form a right determination.

I cannot, however, refrain from expressing to you, that amongst the various considerations to which my recent observation of the Island has given rise, there is not one that at present more demands your attention, than the absence of any Mart in which the country people might interchange their surplus produce of every kind for other articles, and in which the port shipper might complete his purchases without being obliged to travel perhaps fruitlessly, to Charlotte Town, or to other equally distant parts of the country.

The local experience of both Honorable Houses can best determine how far the evils or inconveniences attending on Fairs in some parts of the Mother Country may be obviated here by the agency of an efficient police, among a thinly scattered population, and how far the disadvantages would tend to supply for the present the insufficiency of one Town for the whole Island.

But whether this or any other measure which may be suggested as a means of developing the public resources be conducive or not to its purpose; I pray you to be assured that the desire at least, to accomplish every object of benefit to the Colony, is ever alive in my heart.

On motion of Mr Brecken, that a Committee of Five Members be appointed, to prepare an Address in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieut. Governor.

Ordered, that Mr. Brecken, Mr. Pope, Mr. Binns, Mr. Owen, and Mr. Brennan, do compose the said Committee.

To His Excellency Lieutenant Colonel JR ETAS WILLIAM YOUNG, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief in and over His Majesty's Island Prince Edward, and the Territories thereunto adjacent, Chancellor, and Vice-Admiral of the same, &c. &c. &c.

The humble Address of the House of Assembly.

May it please your Excellency.

We His Majesty's faithful subjects the Representatives of his loyal people of Prince Edward Island, in Colonial Parliament assembled, respectfully thank your Excellency for your Speech at the opening of the present Session, and for the renewed instance of your Excellency's considerate regard to our personal convenience, in again calling us together at this early period of the year; and we beg to assure your Excellency, that our most zealous efforts shall be directed to the faithful discharge of our public duty.

We shall be happy to receive the Accounts and Returns of the Revenue, as soon as the same can be laid before us, and we feel assured that your Excellency will cause this service to be performed with all possible dispatch.

We are gratified to learn from your Excellency that our commerce is steadily increasing, and we confidently hope that your Excellency's just and patriotic views on this subject will not be disappointed.

The comparative statement made by your Excellency between this Colony and the other British North American Provinces, cannot fail to prove highly flattering to all its Inhabitants.

We shall pay the most respectful attention to all communications which your Excellency may be pleased to lay before us in the course of the Session.

Much inconvenience, we are aware, is experienced by the inhabitants in remote parts of the country, owing to their distance from an Emporium of Commerce; but we trust, that the influx of persons of capital and enterprise, who may be induced to settle in the out-ports, will gradually obviate the difficulties those labor under, who are now obliged to travel to Charlotte-Town or other distant parts to obtain a market for their surplus produce.

Every measure calculated to promote the improvement of the Colony or to ameliorate the condition of its Inhabitants, which may come under our consideration, shall receive our best attention, and we are happy in the assurance that it will be gratifying to your Excellency to give effect to such measures.

We feel much indebted to Mr. Brennan for his kindness in handing to us a copy of His Excellency's Speech to the Legislative Council and Assembly; also for his further notice this morning by leaving at this office, the Journal containing the above Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech. Although the whole of this sheet was in type at the time of receiving the above, we have thrown out matter that we deem of less interest to this community. If the Gentlemen forming the House of Assembly, were to authorise a copy of the Journal of their proceedings as they are published to be left at this office, thus giving us *liberty* to embody such extracts as we may from time to time publish, would at least in our estimation, shew a friendly disposition from that Honorable Body to this Establishment, and would save us the very unpleasant feeling of returning to Mr. B. or any other gentleman who may be so kind as to shew us a similar kindness his sheet more or less mutilated or soiled, accidents unavoidable in a Printing office.