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Almost every countenance wears the picture of despondency. In this Town, within the space of a few months, new houses have been sold at Sheriff's sales, for one third of the money they cost in building. Cows, that would have brought 12 months ago, from 20 to 26 dollars, are now selling from 10 to 14. Oxen and horses bear a like reduction. Executions have been as numerous during the last year, as they were the previous 2; and farmers that contracted debts, cannot obtain any thing for their produce to liquidate them. In such a season of distress it is the duty of the government to ease, as much as possible, the condition of the People. It may be asked what can they do to benefit the Country at a period of such general distress; we answer, let the money that comes into the Province remain in it, let such as comes into the hands of government be laid out in the improvement of roads and bridges, draining of swamps; and in the erection of public buildings, which we stand greatly in need of, let the fees upon land,—those high fees, which, to our knowledge, have thinned our numbers, and, thrown wealth and talent, and what is more, industry and enterprise, into the bosom of the U. States, be reduced to the same scale, as when Gov. GORE withdrew from the government of the Colony, and the advantages arising therefrom will be incalculable to this country.—Let not the unfortunate emigrant, who is impelled by the binding and indissoluble ties of nature, to quit his dearest, his only friends, and native land, in the hope of obtaining a situation in this country, whereon he may, by hard and enterprising industry, procure an humble maintenance for himself and family, have his heart wrung with disappointment. The Governor, in his address to the Parliament,