

“ Your Excellency may rely upon the continuation of
 “ harmony in the discharge of our duty, on every object
 “ tending to the support of the excellent and happy govern-
 “ ment under which we live.

(Signed)

“ DE BONNE.”

7th March, 1800. To His Excellency Sir Robert Shore
 Milnes, Lieut.-Governor:—

“ It cannot but afford us matter of the highest consolation
 “ and gratitude to his Majesty, that at a time when many
 “ parts of Europe, and other parts of the globe are afflicted
 “ by the miseries of war, his faithful subjects in this province
 “ are enabled to enjoy with confidence the fruits of their
 “ industry, and to meet in tranquillity to consult for the pub-
 “ lic welfare, &c.

“ The prosperity of our mother country, on which our own
 “ depends, must ever give us great satisfaction, &c. The
 “ general mediocrity of the fortunes of his Majesty’s subjects
 “ in this province being well known, we flatter ourselves our
 “ *voluntary contributions*, though small, will be favourably
 “ received.”

12th January, 1801. To His Excellency Sir Robt. Shore
 Milnes, Lieut.-Governor:—

“ As by his Majesty’s paternal care, and the activity of
 “ his fleets and armies, his faithful subjects in this colony
 “ have been protected from the violence of open aggression;
 “ it is our peculiar duty by the steadiness of our principles to
 “ *guard against the delusions of secret artifice.*

“ With the most lively gratitude we learn that his Ma-
 “ jesty, in his paternal attention to the wants of his subjects,
 “ however remote, has not only seen the necessity, but in
 “ his royal munificence has provided the means of early
 “ education for our children.

“ Your Excellency may depend on our zealous and active
 “ co-operation for the prosperity of the province, and by our
 “ loyal and unanimous exertions for the preservation of that
 “ most excellent constitution and government under which we
 “ have the happiness to live.”

Again, 12th January, 1802. “ We consider as a happy