

“ 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