

On examination, the aspect of political affairs in Europe may appear gloomy; but still, they must produce to Englishmen the consoling reflection, that, in the midst of the general wreck of Kingdoms, the British Dominions stand firm, supported as they are (under the blessing of God) by the fortitude, perseverance and unanimity, of our fellow subjects.

At a moment, when the British Empire is shedding its best blood by sea and land, for the preservation of her liberty, her religion, and her laws, our Neighbours of this hemisphere, spectators of the unparalleled struggle we are making with the common foe, will not, we must hope, allow prejudices and passions to preponderate over political equity:—Let us trust, that their Rulers will consult the honor and rectitude of their own Government, with the general interests of mankind, and studiously preserve peace with a Country, from which America drew her very existence, and should now know, that in the defence of our glorious Sanctuary, Americans are not much less concerned than ourselves.

HIS MAJESTY'S ALLIES continue to claim our highest respect, and perfect confidence;—and it may well be remembered by Britons, without incurring the imputation of national vanity, that our brave Soldiers in Spain and Portugal, have, for more than a year past, kept at bay, and defeated a ferocious enemy, who has carried slavery and desolation over Continental Europe, bending the fairest domains under the most abject subjugation.

I TURN from these considerations to the pleasing contemplation of the increasing Trade and Fisheries of this Province; the extension and improvement of its Agriculture; the enlargement of its principal Town, and the cultivation of useful and ornamental sciences by our youth; all of which are unequivocal indications of a prosperous and rising Country.

As nothing tends more effectually to promote industry, and its ever beneficial consequences, than the construction of good roads for internal commerce; and as no stronger proof can be given of a flourishing State, than the multiplication of those means of communication, I look to your wisdom and public spirit for such supplies, as may be commensurate to that very important service; and I desire, you will give your particular attention to the Road Estimate for the ensuing Year, which I have directed to be laid before you; it being my wish that every inhabitant of this Province should know and feel, that his convenience and interest are attended to by the Government under which he lives.

THE prosperous state of this Province, requires that the different Branches of the Legislature,—the Courts of Justice, and the Public Offices, should be better accommodated than they are at present:—I therefore recommend that object to your consideration.

THE same increasing prosperity, renders a Provincial Prison an indispensable establishment, for the receiving and keeping at labour such refractory and disorderly persons as may be committed to it from all parts of the Province, for their reformation from vice, and for an example to deter others from immoral practices.

I FEEL it, also my duty, to call your attention to the many afflicting cases which present themselves in different parts of the Province, where persons with deranged minds (the most grievous of all maladies) greatly suffer from the want of that accommodation and medical aid, their wretched situations so particularly require; and which are only to be obtained in a public establishment;—I therefore recommend to you to follow the good example given by all civilized Governments, in making some provision for the care of persons labouring under such deplorable visitations.

Mr.