

" d'un juge, de l'accusé, public ne lui échappoit.
 " Il affecta de dormir pendant le résumé de l'accu-
 " sus, public, comme pour avoir l'air calme,
 " tandis que l'enfer étoit dans son cœur. Son
 " regard fixe faisoit malgré soi baisser les yeux ;
 " lorsqu'ils s'appretoient à parler il frongoit le sourcil,
 " et plissoit le front ; sa voix étoit haute, rude
 " et menaçante. On ne pouvoit mettre plus
 " d'affurance dans les dénégations, plus d'adresse
 " à dénaturer les faits, à les isoler et surtout à
 " placer à propos un *alibi*. Il nioit d'une voix
 " ferme sa signature, et ne trembloit pas devant le
 " témoin accusateur. Quand on le conduisit au
 " supplice son front dur comme le marbre défia
 " tous les regards de la multitude, on le vit même
 " sourire et proférer des paroles menaçantes. Au
 " pied de l'échafaud il sembla pour la première
 " fois éprouver des remords, et il trembla en y
 " montant. Il avoit la tête ronde, les cheveux
 " noirs et unis, le front étroit et blême, les yeux
 " petits et ronds, le visage plein et griêlé, le re-
 " gard tantôt fixe, tantôt oblique, la taille moyen-
 " ne, et la jambe forte." Il étoit âgé de 48 ans
 lors de son supplice.

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*SPEECH of His Excellency Lieut. Govern-
 or Edm. Fanning at the opening of the
 General Assembly of Prince Edward Island
 at Charlotte Town, the 2d Nov. 1802.*

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

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

A termination of the miseries of war, and a happy restoration of the blessings of peace are the great and interesting public events which have taken place since the last meeting of the general Assembly of this Government, and on which I now have the happiness to offer you my most cordial congratulations, confident as I am that this Island in particular as well as many other parts of His Majesty's dominions will immediately derive from the return of peace very many and singular benefits and advantages. As an earnest to such encouraging and well founded hopes and expectations, I have at this time the satisfaction to inform you from the highest authority, that the public affairs of this Island have already attracted the attention and been brought under the consideration of his Majesty's Ministers in a manner highly favorable to the late humble and dutiful representations made in behalf of the Inhabitants, respecting the many large, unsettled and uncultivated tracts of Land in this valuable Island.

But in order to give effect to the measures which have been adopted by His Majesty's Ministers, it will be necessary that Government here should be enabled to pursue, when circumstances shall render it advisable, the requisite and legal steps for effectually vesting in His Majesty such Lands as may be liable to be escheated. It is also highly expedient that a proper and effectual

method should be established of collecting receiving and accounting for, in future, the Quit Rents as they shall become due and payable, whereby all frauds, concealments, irregularities or neglects therein, may be prevented, and whereby the receipts thereof may be effectually checked and controlled. To which end I have it in command from his Majesty to recommend in the strongest manner to the Legislature of this Island the passing an Act for these purposes with as little delay as possible; and in order to facilitate the measure, I have lately received from the Right Hon. Lord Hobart, one of His Majesty's principal Secretaries of State, certain clauses, put together in the form of a Bill, which seem to comprehend the points most material to be attended to, which I shall immediately lay before you. And I cannot but confidently persuade myself that when submitted to your perusal and deliberations, they will appear to conform to propriety and justice, and so judiciously and wisely calculated, mutually to secure the interest of the Crown, and to promote the future settlement and permanent prosperity of this Island, that you will have no hesitation in the ready adoption of those clauses, and affording your loyal, zealous, and united co-operations in passing them into a Law.

I have also the further satisfaction to acquaint you that all the Acts passed at the last Session, except the Act for the better regulation of Elections, which contained a suspending clause, and still remains under the consideration of the Lords of the Committee of Privy Council, have been considered, and that they have not been thought liable to any objection. I have likewise the pleasure of adding, that in making this communication to me respecting those Acts, his Majesty's Secretary of State is pleased to conclude with this remark " that he has only to express the satisfaction with which he observes the attention " the Legislature have paid to the points recommended to their consideration, relative to the " cultivation of Hemp, and the liberal bounties " proposed for the encouragement of that important object."

Fully sensible as I am of your perfect knowledge of the state of the public affairs in this Island, and of the various circumstances which may probably require the enacting of new Laws, or the amending or continuing of others now in force, with many other matters of a public nature, I shall leave unnoticed, for your deliberate consultations during the Session. But there is a circumstance, which as it relates to the due and regular administration of public Justice in his Majesty's Supreme Courts of Law in this Island, I am induced, as well from a late application to me by the Assistant Justices themselves, as from my own knowledge of the length and merit of their public attendance and services, strongly to recommend their case to your liberal and equitable consideration. The public utility and notoriety of the facts upon which their pretensions to remuneration are founded, make it unnecessary for me to enlarge on the subject, yet it may fairly be inquired whether it can be thought reasonable that a Justice of the Peace should be allowed his fees for a few hours attendance at most, in hearing and deciding on the most trifling demand and that an Assistant