

its Felicity, under a political Frame, of all others best calculated to enlarge and secure it.—God Almighty give us the Wisdom to preserve this inestimable Treasure, and to hand it down to our latest Posterity.—

After such a Declaration, made with equal Piety and Loyalty; we know not how to add stronger assurances, of the Gratitude we owe to a Sovereign to whom we pledge ourselves, in all our Councils for the Welfare of this remote Part of his Dominions, never to be unmindful of that true Test of Colonial Merit, the Abandonment of every Partiality repugnant to the general Interest of that Empire, of which it has pleased the righteous and wise Arbiter of the World, to make us a Part.

Accept our Thanks, Sir, for your friendly Recommendations, to that Harmony essential to our Prosperity; and be assured of our Confidence, in every Measure, that can bring Credit to an Administration, disposed to co-operate with the King's Grace and the Generosity of his Parliament.—With the Example of that, the most illustrious Diet of the World, in our Eye, we shall make it our Study to follow the Steps of that Branch of it, which we are constituted to supply, in the humble Sphere of subordinate Legislation.

WILLIAM SMITH, Speaker.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S ANSWER.

GENTLEMEN,

ACCCEPT my warmest thanks for this Address, which is highly descriptive of the Affection, Loyalty and Gratitude that are so justly due to the best of Sovereigns, and affords the most flattering hope that while your Councils are directed to such objects as may ensure the prosperity of this Province, you will not be unmindful of the General Welfare of the British Empire.

Address of the House of Assembly to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor presented Wednesday the 26th. Instant.

To His Excellency ALURED CLARKE, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of Lower Canada, Major General commanding His Majesty's Forces in North America, &c. &c. &c.

May it please Your Excellency,

WE His Majesty's most dutiful and Loyal Subjects, The Members of the House of Assembly of Lower Canada, in Assembly met, beg leave to return You the Thanks of this House, for Your Excellency's Speech.

Truly sensible of the Paternal Solicitude of our most Gracious Sovereign, in watching over the happiness of His People, and of the Justice and Benevolence of the Parliament of Great Britain in granting to His Majesty's Loyal Subjects of this Province, a new and liberal Constitution for their Colonial Government, we shall ever retain the most grateful and lively sense of the Duties we owe to the Parent State, and we feel ourselves strongly called upon to acknowledge Your Excellency's great attention to us individually