

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

The assurances you give me of your readiness to co-operate in such measures as the present exigencies may render necessary, and the zeal you express for the public welfare, afford me the highest satisfaction, and demand my warmest thanks.

The opinion expressed in your Address, which relates personally to myself, cannot but be highly gratifying to me; and you may rest assured, that the same motives which influenced my conduct in *Nova-Scotia*, will be steadily adhered to by me, whilst I have the honour of administering the government of *Lower-Canada*.

Mr. Speaker communicated to the House a Report, received by him from the Clerk, of the present state of the Library, pursuant to a Standing Order of the tenth of March, one thousand eight hundred and two.

Mr. Speaker also communicated to the House, the Clerk's Report relating to the Extra Assistants in his Office.

A Petition of *Philippe Panet*, Esquire, whose name is thereunto subscribed, was presented to the House by Mr. *A. Stuart*, and the same was received and read;—SETTING FORTH:—That the Petitioner, in the design of acquiring, in a regular manner, the profession of Advocate, Attorney and Counsel, bound himself to serve as a Clerk during five entire consecutive years, under *Jean Antoine Panet*, Esquire, Advocate, by Act passed before Mr. *Jean Bélanger*, and his colleague Notaries Public, bearing date the third December, one thousand eight hundred and eleven, and after the decease of the said *Jean Antoine Panet*, which happened on the seventeenth of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, under *Alexis Caron*, Esquire, Advocate, by Act passed before the same Notaries, bearing date the eighteenth of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.—That so being in a state of Clerkship, in the manner appointed by the said Act passed on the third of December, one thousand eight hundred and eleven, he afterwards, to wit, on the twenty-fifth of May, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, received a Commission in the
Militia,