

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

I shall direct to be laid before you, a statement of the Provincial Revenue of the Crown, and of the expenditure for the last twelve months.

One of the measures adopted by you during the last Session, for supplying the exigencies of the Public Service has only lately come into operation, and as it promises to become a highly productive source of Revenue, I confidently rely upon your liberality for such appropriations for the defence of the Province, as the nature of the contest in which we are engaged, and the circumstances of the times, may require.

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,*

*Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

Notwithstanding the present favourable aspect of our affairs, and the security in which the Province is now placed, from the discomfiture of the enemy's late attempts to invade it, we must still be prepared to meet with firmness, and to repel with vigour, whatever measures his presumption may again dictate for the accomplishment of his avowed object.

I trust, therefore, to your wisdom and vigilance to suggest whatever may be necessary for this purpose, and to your loyalty and patriotism to submit to whatever further sacrifices the war may require;—Assuring you, that His Majesty's Government, not unmindful of the exertions the Province has hitherto made in its defence, is using every possible effort, consistent with the important demands upon it for other services, to strengthen and increase the Military Establishment under my Command.

Deeply sensible, that the situation in which I am placed, is as arduous and difficult as it is important—I am, notwithstanding, cheered and animated in the discharge of its duties, by the conviction that I shall always meet with your support, in maintaining the honor, and promoting the Service of my Sovereign. To forward the prosperity, and to preserve the integrity of this Province, are objects of which I shall never lose sight; and confidently relying on your cordial assistance for their attainment, it will be my great ambition to be able faithfully to represent to His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, the loyalty, zeal and