

## Speeches from the Throne, &c.

*(Sir GEORGE PREVOST, Governor, 1812.)*

“ penditure for the last twelve months, from which “ you will perceive, that there is a decrease in the “ revenue of the last year; this deficiency, the more “ necessary to be made good, from the increased ex- “ pences of the Government, I look to your wisdom “ and liberality to supply, and I confidently trust, “ that when you consider the importance of the ob- “ jects for which we are contending, you will cheer- “ fully grant to His Majesty such aid as you shall “ judge requisite for the public service, and adequate “ to the present emergency.

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and  
Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;*

“ I feel great satisfaction in communicating to “ you, that having transmitted to His Majesty’s Se- “ cretary of State, your Address in answer to my “ Speech, on the opening of the Provincial Parlia- “ ment, in February last, in order that they might “ be laid before His Royal Highness, the Prince Re- “ gent; I have since received the express commands “ of His Royal Highness, to thank you in his name, “ for the assurances of support and attachment which “ they contain, and to acquaint you, “ That His “ Royal Highness places that confidence in the cour- “ age and loyalty of His Majesty’s Canadian Sub- “ jects, which makes him equally fearless of the re- “ sult of any direct attack upon them, and of “ any insidious attempts to alienate their affection “ from His Government.”

“ I take also great pleasure in acquainting you, “ that the measure of the issue of Army Bills, for the “ circulation of which you so promptly and liberally “ provided, during your last Session, has been at- “ tended with the happiest effects, both by power- “ fully aiding His Majesty’s Government to meet the “ extraordinary demands of the present crisis, and “ by materially facilitating commercial transactions. “ The experience of four months having fully shewn “ the utility of this measure, I recommend to your “ consideration, the adoption of such further regula- “ tions and provisions respecting it, as, upon a review “ of the Act passed upon this head, and of the pre- “ sent circumstances of the Country, may appear to “ be necessary.

“ I have, according to the powers vested on me “ by the Legislature, called forth the Militia to as- “ sist in the defence of this Province, and I have, “ with the greatest and most cheering satisfaction, “ been myself a witness of that public spirit, that “ steady ardour, and that love of their Country, their “ Religion and their Laws, which they have mani- “ fested on this occasion, and which, by animating “ and uniting all classes of His Majesty’s Subjects, “ cannot fail, under the blessing of Divine Provi- “ dence, to make us safe at home, and respected “ abroad.

“ At the same time that I bear this willing testi- “ mony, to the cheerfulness and alacrity, with which “ the Militia Laws have been obeyed, I am induced “ to call your attention to a partial revision of those “ Laws, and to the necessity of making them more “ effectual, in some cases, for the purposes for which “ they were passed, and better suited to the present “ exigencies of the times.

“ I cannot too strongly recommend to you, at this “ critical and eventful period, the propriety and ne-

“ derniers douze mois, par lequel vous verrez que le “ Revenu de l’année dernière a été décroissant. Je “ compte sur votre Sagesse et sur votre libéralité pour “ remplir ce vide, mesure devenue nécessaire par “ l’augmentation des Dépenses du Gouvernement; et “ J’ai confiance qu’en réfléchissant sur l’importance “ des objets en contestation, vous vous empêtrerez “ d’accorder à Sa Majesté, tels secours que vous ju- “ gerez nécessaires au service public, et suffisants dans “ la conjoncture présente.

*Messieurs du Conseil Législatif, et  
Messieurs de la Chambre d’Assemblée,*

“ J’éprouve une grande satisfaction à vous appren- “ dre, qu’ayant transmis au Secrétaire d’Etat de Sa “ Majesté, vos Adresses en réponse à ma Harangue, à “ l’ouverture du Parlement Provincial en Février der- “ nier, afin qu’elles fussent mises sous les yeux de Son “ Altesse Royale le Prince Régent, J’ai reçu depuis les “ ordres expès de Son Altesse Royale, de vous remer- “ cier en Son nom, des assurances de soutien et d’atta- “ chement qu’elles contiennent, et de vous informer “ que Son Altesse Royale met une telle confiance “ dans le courage et la loyauté des Sujets Canadiens “ de Sa Majesté, qu’elle ne craint nullement le ré- “ sultat des attaques directes qui seroient faites contre “ eux, ni des pièges que l’on pourroit tendre à leur “ affection envers Son Gouvernement.

“ Il ne m’est pas moins agréable de vous annon- “ cer que l’émission des *Army Bills*, à la circulation “ desquels vous avez si promptement et si libérale- “ ment pourvû, pendant votre dernière Session, a été “ suivie des plus heureux effets, tant par le puissant “ secours qu’en a reçu le Gouvernement de Sa Ma- “ jesté, dans les besoins extraordinaires de la crise “ présente, que par la facilité considérable qui en a “ résultée pour les transactions du Commerce. Une “ expérience de quatre mois, ayant pleinement démon- “tré l’utilité de cette mesure, Je recommande à votre “ considération, d’adopter sur le même objet, tels “ règlements ultérieurs qui paroîtront nécessaires, “ d’après une révision de l’Acte passé à cette occa- “ sion, et d’après les circonstances où se trouve le “ Pays.

“ Conformément aux pouvoirs dont m’a investi la “ Législature, J’ai requis l’assistance des Milices pour dé- “ fendre la Province, et J’ai vu par moi-même, avec la “ plus grande et la plus vive satisfaction, l’esprit public, “ l’ardeur soutenu et l’ amour de leur Pays, de leur Re- “ ligion et de leurs Loix, qu’elles ont manifesté à cette “ occasion; des dispositions de cette nature animant et “ unissant toutes les classes des Sujets de Sa Majesté, “ ne peuvent manquer, sous les auspices de la Divine “ Providence, de maintenir notre sûreté au dedans, “ et de nous faire respecter au dehors.

“ Tout en rendant témoignage à l’allégresse avec “ laquelle on s’est soumis aux Loix de Milice, Je suis “ induit à appeler votre attention à une révision par- “ tielle de ces Loix, et à la nécessité de les rendre plus “ propres à atteindre leur objet en certains cas, et de “ les mieux adapter aux besoins du moment.

“ A la période critique et hazarduse où nous “ sommes, Je ne saurois vous exprimer en termes