

" Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

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

“ **W**HEN I reflect upon the many unequivocal manifestations on the part of the Inhabitants of this loyal Province,—of their anxious desire and firm determination to remain in indissoluble connexion with that Glorious Country, “ our Parent State,” under the shadow of whose protecting Power they feel themselves in the enjoyment of a degree of Rational Liberty which has probably never been attained under any other than British Institutions,—it is with, if possible, an increased degree of Pride and Satisfaction, that I again meet you in Provincial Parliament for the purpose of co-operating with you, as the Representative of a Gracious and beloved Sovereign, to whom the Happiness and Prosperity of all Classes of Her Subjects are dear, in the consideration and adoption of such Measures, as may, in our concurrent judgment, tend to increase that Happiness—to promote that Prosperity—and to call forth the varied Resources of this highly favoured Portion of Her Majesty’s Dominions.

“ Upon the actual condition of the Province, I rejoice in being enabled to offer you my hearty congratulations ;—Its Trade and consequently its Revenues and Financial Affairs are flourishing beyond any former Period. The unavoidable increase in the expenditure of the past year, owing to the Proceedings of a Neighbouring State, has been happily met by a corresponding increase of the Revenue ; accordingly I have the satisfaction of informing you that every demand upon the Provincial Treasury, arising out of the Emergency to which I have adverted, has been fully met, under your appropriation, by the *Surplus* Revenue of the Current year, without imposing upon me the necessity of disturbing those for other Services. The product of the Harvest though not perhaps quite equalling the sanguine expectations which were at one time entertained, has yet been such as to leave our valuable Agricultural Interests without any reasonable ground of complaint,—in a word, there is nothing in the internal condition of the Province to cause regret, nor any thing in its external Relations to excite uneasiness or alarm.

“ I now proceed to advert to the ordinary business of the Session, and I know not that I can do this better than by recalling to your consideration some of the Topics referred to in my Address to you at our last Annual Meeting,—adding such observations as change of circumstances may appear to render necessary or expedient.

“ With regard to the “ Great Roads,” my impression remains unchanged as to the advantage of committing the care and superintendence of them, if only as an experimental measure, to Salaried Officers, appointed by and responsible to the Executive Government, as the best mode which has occurred, or has been suggested to me, of ensuring uniformity in the System of their Construction and repair, as well as Economy in the outlay connected with this very important branch of the Public expenditure: With regard to that leading to Lower Canada, I invite your attention to the Report from the Supervisor which will be laid before you, and by which you will, I trust, find that the sum which your liberality placed at my disposal for the improvement of that very important Line of Communication, has been usefully and judiciously expended, and the views and recommendations of Her Majesty’s Government, with reference to the proposed improved Post Communication between England, Halifax and Quebec, so far carried out:—A further appropriation will, however, be requisite for the completion