

His Excellency had been pleased to open the present Session, by a most gracious Speech to both Houses; and that, to prevent mistakes, he had obtained, for the information of the House, a Copy of His Excellency's Speech, which was read as follows:—

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

AT a period when many parts of *Europe* and other quarters of the Globe are afflicted by the miseries of War, it cannot but afford matter of consolation and gratitude to His Majesty's faithful Subjects of this Province, that they are enabled to enjoy with confidence the fruits of their industry, and to meet in tranquility to consult for the public advantage.

For the possession of this inestimable benefit we are indebted, under Divine Providence, to the vigilance of our most Gracious Sovereign who by the vigor and enterprize of his Fleets and Armies has extended this protection to every dependency on the Crown: But notwithstanding the repeated checks which those who bear rule in *France* have received in every part of the British Dominions which they have assailed, yet their spirit of hostility has not abated, nor have their destructive principles still more to be apprehended by all civilized Governments been disavowed. It becomes then the peculiar duty of those vested with executive authority to exert their attention wherever there is a possibility that the Emissaries of discord may establish an intercourse, under these impressions therefore I shall propose to your consideration the expediency of continuing those temporary Laws which seconded by the zeal and attachment of His Majesty's faithful subjects in this Province have hitherto been found to produce such salutary effects.

Another important object will likewise demand your consideration, the necessity of attending to which has been evinced by the Contagious Malady that was introduced into this Province by the arrival of a Transport towards the close of the last year. During the prevalence of that disorder (which thro' the mercy of Divine Providence has now subsided) it was found after the troops had been disembarked the Provisions contained in the Quarantine Act are neither adapted to the exigency of the case, nor do they sufficiently authorize the Civil Power to take the necessary