

us, as will ensure to the industry and enterprise of our Merchants, advantages of the most valuable nature.

"In consequence of our encreasing population, and the number of new settlements constantly forming upon the banks of our Rivers, it becomes daily more necessary to render their Navigation easy and safe, more particularly in the upper parts of them, by removing the obstructions and forming towing paths along their banks, which will materially facilitate the transportation of the internal trade of the Country; I therefore beg to recommend this subject to your consideration, as one of much importance.

"The Great Roads of communication and the other Public Roads, particularly such parts of them where the Statute labour of the Inhabitants is inadequate to their reparation, will also require your attention. The reports of the different Commissioners, shewing the present state of the first of these, together with what was done upon them during the last year, shall be laid before you.

"Your liberality heretofore in making provision for the several Seminaries of Learning, leaves me no room to doubt of your continued support of these highly useful Establishments, and of your readiness to give such further aid for the Education of the Youth of the Country, as its improved and advanced state may require.

"After the experience of two seasons, I can confidently state to you, the advantages which have and must result from the Militia being annually inspected by an Officer accredited for that express purpose, and trust that I shall not vainly urge this measure or any other connected with the improvement of this our Constitutional defence against an enemy, as well as best association for the preservation of good order and public tranquillity.

*"Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

"The Treasurer's accounts and such other papers as may be necessary for your information, shall be laid before you. By the former you will observe that the Revenue of the last year has fallen something short of that of the preceding one, owing to circumstances which appear of a temporary nature, and therefore of no great importance; but at the same time it will be well worthy your consideration to limit your appropriation strictly within the Revenue that may be expected to come into the Treasury during the ensuing year.

*"Gentlemen of the Council,*

*"And Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

"Having already mentioned some of the most important subjects for your consideration, I feel satisfied that it is unnecessary to urge the dispatch of the public business; and I will not fail, at an early period of the Session, to communicate with you by Message, on such other topics as I may conceive necessary for the public welfare."

Mr. *Simonds* moved for leave to bring in a bill, "to repeal an Act passed in the 3rd year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled "An Act further to continue the Acts for more effectually repairing the Streets and Bridges in the City and County of Saint John."

Leave granted.

On motion of Mr. *Stubs*, resolved that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in answer to his Speech.

Ordered that Mr. *Stubs*, Mr. *H. Peters*, and Mr. *R. Simonds*, be a Committee for that purpose.

On motion of Mr. *Smith*, ordered that the Clerk of the Crown or his Deputy, do attend this House with the last Writ issued to the Sheriff of the County of Westmorland, for the election of a Member for the said County, with the return thereon, as soon as the same may be made.

Mr. *Stubs* moved for leave to bring in a bill, "to repeal the Acts for regulating,