

to describe, and feeling the strongest and most earnest desire to lessen their number and amount, humbly venture to suggest to the House the importance of drawing the attention of Her Majesty's Government to the immediate introduction of such improvements as your Committee have recommended in the navy and the army, and in the ships employed in the merchant service; to the causing such other ameliorations to be made in this respect as can be effected by their authority, wherever that may extend; and to the public declaration of their determination *to introduce early in the ensuing Session some general and comprehensive law for the progressive diminution and ultimate suppression of all the existing facilities and means of intemperance as the root and parent of almost every other vice.*

"They venture still farther to recommend the most extensive circulation during the recess under the direct sanction of the Legislature, of an abstract of the evidence obtained by this inquiry in a cheap and portable volume, as was done with the Poor Law Report, to which it would form the best auxiliary; the national cost of intoxication and its consequences, being ten-fold greater in amount than that of the poor rates and pauperism itself, being indeed chiefly caused by habits of intemperance."

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*To the Honorable the Legislative Council and Assembly of Canada, in Parliament assembled.*

It will be seen that several of the foregoing clauses of the of the said approved and adopted Report afford the most express and the highest authority in proof that the Legislature, both Imperial and Colonial, possess the *right* and the *power*, according to the principles of the English Constitution, to pass such enactments for the ultimate and entire prohibition of the manu-