

of which is open at all seasons—and the improvement of the navigation of its River.

“In some of these projects the neighbouring Provinces are interested.

“The communications with Canada should be completed as soon as practicable, and the other works, if ultimately approved, may be executed in the order of their importance. I recommend to you that the necessary surveys should be immediately undertaken.

“To encourage attention to Agriculture, several tracts of land have been selected and laid out, and notwithstanding the lateness of the season, various Associations have been formed for the occupation of them. The success of these spirited undertakings will hold out encouragement to Emigrants from the United Kingdom to form settlements in the Province on the same principle.

“The Geological Surveys which have been executed have developed the Agricultural capacities and Mineral resources of the Province, and the further prosecution of these useful researches will merit your encouragement.

“My attention having been drawn to the condition of the Indian Tribes, and the situation and extent of the valuable Lands reserved for them, I have instituted enquiries which have been zealously prosecuted, and from the reports which have been made to me, I am gratified to find that no material obstacles exist to the introduction of measures for their social improvement. To facilitate the settlement of the Indian Reserves, and the domains of the Crown, some Legislative provision will be necessary.

“The formation of Indian Villages, and the establishment of Schools in them, have been recommended.

“The state of Education in the Province has engaged my anxious attention, and from the reports which I have received of the condition of the common Schools, a more efficient system of instruction in them is urgently required.

“The funds which you have liberally granted, will require to be more appropriately distributed, and the Schools placed under effective superintendence.

“A revision of the Laws for the regulation of Prisons is also required, with a view to the introduction of a reformatory system of Prison discipline, upon the principles adopted in England, so far as they may be applicable.

“I earnestly recommend to you a revision of the Criminal Law, and the adoption of the ameliorations in the Statutes of the present Reign, by which capital punishment for certain offences has been abolished.

“The Laws regarding the imprisonment of Debtors having also undergone important changes in England, will merit your attention.

“Having appointed a Commission to enquire into the Laws relating to insolvency, I have received a Report, in which the enactment of a Bankruptcy Act has been strongly recommended, with a view to sustain commercial credit.

“Some provision for the protection and encouragement of the valuable Coast and River Fisheries of the Province will be necessary.

“*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

“Notwithstanding the occurrence of severe Commercial distress, I have had the satisfaction to find that the Revenue has not diminished. From the estimates which I have