

Of the temporary Acts of the Legislature which are about to expire, I desire to call your particular attention to the following, viz :

1st.—An Act relating to the Fisheries in the County of ~~Quebec~~, repealed in part by the 1st of Will. IV. cap 22, which expires on the 1st May, 1833.

2nd.—An Act to establish Registry Offices in the Counties of Drummond, Sherbrooke, Stanstead, Shefford and Missiskoui, amended and extended by the 1st Will. IV. cap. 3; second section further extended by 2nd Will. IV. cap. 7, duration till 1st February, 1833.

And 3rdly.—An Act to establish Boards of Health within this Province, and to enforce an effectual system of Quarantine, which expires on the 1st May 1833.

I think it necessary here to refer to that part of my Speech to you at the opening of the last Session, which relates to the Townships: the encresing importance of that interesting portion of the Province—the habits of its population—and their wishes connected with the advancement of their own peculiar interests, are subjects which well deserve the attention of the Legislature.

By the enactment of Laws calculated to meet the diversified wants of a mixed population, like that of Lower Canada, the general prosperity of the Country will be advanced, and the peace and contentment of all classes of His Majesty's Subjects in the Province established upon a solid and lasting basis. The foregoing remark embraces a truth so obvious, that it may perhaps be thought superfluous to introduce it on the present occasion. But my mind is so deeply impressed with a sense of the importance (I might, perhaps, add the necessity) of effecting a strict and cordial union of interests and public feeling throughout the Province, that I cannot abstain from seizing upon every opportunity which presents itself for promoting the success of an object of such paramount interest, an object which (as it appears to me,) it is no less the duty, than it is manifestly the true interest of every inhabitant of Lower Canada, to assist in promoting to the utmost of his ability, and in preference to every other consideration.

*Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

The Supply Bill voted last Session, which, in consequence of particular circumstances with which you are already acquainted, and in conformity with the instructions received by me from His Majesty's Government, was reserved for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure, has subsequently received the Royal Sanction.—Upon this subject it will be my duty to make an early communication to you by Special Message.

The appropriation of last Session for giving effect to the Provisions of the Act to establish Boards of Health within this Province, and to enforce an effectual system of Quarantine, although liberal in its amount, has nevertheless proved inadequate to the demands made upon it.—But the excess has not been so considerable as there was reason to apprehend from the prevalence of Asiatic Cholera Morbus in most parts of the Province, which rendered necessary the creation of not less than ten Boards of Health with their corresponding establishments, in addition to the expensive establishment at Grosse Ile, I trust that the excess above alluded to, will be provided for with the same liberality which prompted the original grant.

I avail myself of this opportunity to suggest the expediency of making provision for the possible necessity for incurring further expence on the same account during the current year.

The accounts of the General Expenditure of the Province, during the past year, are in a forward state of preparation, and will, I trust, be in readiness to be laid before you at the period prescribed by Legislative regulation.—Should any delay take place in rendering these accounts, it is to be ascribed to the great labour necessary in preparing the voluminous and detailed statements required from the Executive Branch of the Legislature, of all the disbursements of public money. An