

*Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

I have ordered the Public Accounts to be laid before you, and I am persuaded you will bestow upon them that careful attention, which the nature of the subject requires.

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

Since I last met you in this place, I have issued a Proclamation, and caused a general circulation of it throughout the Province as could be provided, notifying to the public, the times and places, when the Commissioners for ascertaining and securing titles to lands, will attend for the final accomplishment of that business; and I trust that the labors and exertions of those engaged in it, will ultimately secure the King's subjects in indisputable titles to their landed property; an object so truly essential to the interests and happiness of them and their posterity, as to be almost inestimable.

The confidence I have in your wisdom and experience, as well as in your knowledge of the present situation and circumstances of the Province, render it unnecessary, that I should point your attention to the enacting any particular laws in addition to our present code, resting fully assured, that giving energy to the King's government, and passing such statutes as will ultimately promote the happiness and prosperity of His people, will in all your deliberations, be the principal objects ever kept in view, the attainment of which I feel confident will engage your utmost assiduity and exertions.

*York, 29th January, 1803.*

*Speech of His Excellency Lieut. Governor Carleton at the opening of the Legislature of New Brunswick, 9th Feb. 1803.*

*Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly,*

THE business which I have at this time to recommend to your consideration is chiefly the making of such arrangement and provisions as the state of the Provincial Revenue may be found to require; together with such a review of the existing Acts of Assembly as must from time to time be necessary for ascertaining what temporary Laws it may be expedient to revive or continue, and what amendments may from experience appear to be required, either in these or in any of our permanent colonial Statutes.

*Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

I have given orders for the Treasurer's accounts and such other papers as may be necessary for your further information to be laid before you: -

The inconveniences which have been experienced from deferring to make provision for the ordinary services, and especially for the payment of Salaries to public Officers till the expiration of the year, induce me earnestly to recommend to your imitation the parliamentary practice of making the requisite appropriation to anticipate the periods for which they are assigned, and of providing by permanent Grants for the regular payment of suitable salaries to officers in the public service.

*Gentlemen of the Council and House of Assembly,*

As the happiness and prosperity of the Colony depends essentially on the preservation of that constitution which has been established for its Government, it is our indispensable duty, in all our Legislative transactions and deliberations, to have a steady eye to that most important object, and to consider this as the only safe rule of conduct by which we can contribute to the promotion and permanence of the public welfare.

## CHAMBRE D'ASSEMBLÉE,

Lundi, 21e. Fevrier, 1803.

Le Bill pour continuer, pour un temps limité, l'acte qui pourvoit à des Officiers Rapporteurs, fut lu pour la seconde fois et référé à un Comité de toute la Chambre Mercredi.

Mr. le Juge Panet, proposa qu'il lui fut permis d'introduire un Bill pour empêcher d'inhumer dans les Eglises de cette Province, et dans les Cimetières dans l'enceinte des villes."

Mr. le Juge De Bonne dit qu'il étoit d'opinion que l'objet de ce Bill étoit un objet de Police, et du ressort des Magistrats, et qu'au moins il feroit mieux de le prendre en considération lorsque la Chambre viendroit sur le Bill de Police, qui doit expirer à la fin de cette Session. Il lui sembloit que cela poroit affréster de faire une Loi pour cet objet de Police, plutôt que pour tout autre. Il étoit d'opinion qu'on pouvoit fort bien en remettre la considération, parcequ'il n'y avoit aucune plainte devant la Chambre au sujet des enterrements. Il croyoit que l'objet du Bill proposé par l'Honorable Membre, étoit