

Point out the great difficulty of our communication during the winter, by the despatches from the Secretary of State's Office coming round by Halifax ; those from the Commander in Chief, from the Treasury, and from the War Office, all come through the States. Any thing particular might be put under cover to Mr. Barclay, who will always find opportunities, by which to send it to me.

You will observe what I have written on the subject of the renewal of the Gaol Act, which they will certainly attempt. It will create a very great clamour amongst the English, and you will not scruple to say, that in the arduous situation in which I find myself, I shall be exceedingly unwilling to lose the only support I have in the Province. With regard to the payment of the Civil Expenditure, you know how it stands, and the views with which it is brought forward. I think it almost certain, that the House will clog their Bill with conditions that will render it inadmissible. However, as they did not make a sufficient progress in the business last year to enable us to judge of the detail of their intentions, (except as one of their followers let it out, that £250 was a sufficient salary for the Judges,) I had it not in my power to enter so fully into it as I could have wished. I should be glad, however, if you could obtain for me some hint, at least, of what is wished on this head.

Press the subject of the Jesuits' property upon the attention of Ministers. I shall call on Mr. Caldwell for the balance in his hands, but he will require time to pay it. The great object is to get a grant of this property, at least, if we cannot get that of the Seminary at Montreal, as a Fund, for an efficient establishment for the education of the English part of the Colony. If any hopes are given of this, I should be glad to be enabled to place the Jesuits' money now amounting to upwards of £9,000, in the Stocks at home, so as to make it a productive fund.