

mission, avail himself of the power of declaring Martial Law to its fullest extent, and from the persuasion which the Governor in Chief trusts the House entertain, that in seeking from them their sanction to a partial exercise of it, he can have no other object in view, than the preservation of the tranquility and welfare of the Province, with the least possible injury to the public convenience.

(Signed) G. P.

*Castle of St. Lewis,* }  
17th July, 1812. }

On motion of Mr. *Irvine*, seconded by Mr. *Coffin*;

ORDERED, That Mr. *Irvine* have leave to bring in a Bill to provide more effectually for the defence of this Province, and for the safety and protection of His Majesty's subjects therein.

He accordingly presented the said Bill to the House, and the same was received and read for the first time.

RESOLVED, That the said Bill be read a second time on Monday next.

A Message from His Excellency the Governor in Chief, signed by his Excellency, was presented by the Honorable Mr. *Mure*, to Mr. Speaker, which Message was read, all the Members being uncovered, and the same is as followeth, *videlicet* :

(*Private and Confidential.*)

(Signed) GEORGE PREVOST.

The expence of the Militia, and of the ordinary Military Establishments of the Province, having greatly increased, and daily increasing in consequence of the unexpected Declaration of War on the part of the United States of America, the necessity of providing for the additional expenditure to be incurred on account of the Regular Forces lately arrived, and shortly to be expected, and the impossibility of procuring money for Government Bills to the extent required, having induced the Governor in Chief to apprehend the want of an adequate supply of specie,