

upon intelligence of the arrival at his destination of this highly meritorious Officer, I thought it my duty faithfully to represent to him our situation, circumstances and means of defence, particularly our wants and deficiencies (to the equipping and rendering efficient for service our Militia, Infantry, Light Horse, and Artillery) of fire Arms, Accoutrements, Mountings, Field Pieces, Ammunition, &c. and that I am led to hope, he laudably will afford the necessary aid, of which we now stand in the most absolute need.

As it obviously must appear to you (whether in time of Peace or War) to be my absolute duty to exert every practicable means for ascertaining, against all eventual hostile attempts, the security of this Island, together with the lives and property of His Majesty's Loyal and beloved Subjects therein, I trust you will of course be pleased to allow me to rest a due share of my best hopes on the effects of the zeal, industry and wisdom of your deliberations and proceedings, and on the energy of the measures you may judge proper to adopt for evincing the sincerity and ardour of your invariable attachments to the sacred person of our most Gracious Sovereign, His just, equitable and mild Government, and our Glorious Constitution.

And Gentlemen, permit me now to move your attention, and to recommend to your particular care, the expediency and necessity of judiciously concerting and enacting such Laws and regulations as may seem requisite or conducive to the promotion of the public welfare---of reviving, altering and amending others now in force, or improving and extending their benefits and advantages and of continuing and reviving such as have proved to be salutary and are in the course of expiring.---The Militia Law I fervently hope, will particularly attract and captivate your attention, and its desirable improvements, afford an ample field for the exercise of your talents, abilities and laudable sollicitude.

*Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

The proper Officers shall forthwith lay before you the public Accounts of this His Majesty's Government, and I beg leave to recommend to your consideration, the necessity of some Provision being made for meeting the expence which must unavoidably be incurred for rendering efficient the service of our Militia Forces for repairs and outfits of our prisons and other public exigencies.

*Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council,*

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

Reposing a perfect confidence in your Loyalty to the King and His Royal Family, and in your Zeal to promote the good of His Service, I beg you will