

ley, Indian corn, flour and biscuit, till the tenth of December next ; it is worthy of your consideration whether any thing further can be done to prevent the distresses with which this failure may threaten the poor.

I shall order to be laid before you the reports made by the Judges and Law Officers of the Crown, pursuant to an order of the eleventh of June 1794 in consequence of your address to me of the 28th day of May preceeding, and I cannot but repeat my satisfaction in observing the early attention given by you, to matters of this importance.

*Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

I shall order to be laid before you a Statement of the provincial Revenue of the Crown, together with the annual Expenditure.

The Simplifying all the regulations concerning the Revenue, by such mode as circumstances may render most expedient, and the providing such prudent restraints as may prevent its unauthorized diminution, are matters highly deserving your most serious consideration.

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,*

*and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

After pointing out to you the advantages arising from a Revenue formed on judicious principles and vigilantly guarded against abuse, I have nothing to recommend more deserving your immediate attention than a well regulated Militia : This is the Constitutional guard to which the Magistrate should have recourse if at any time extraordinary Aid should be found necessary to enforce the Laws, or to maintain internal tranquility : This alone can secure to you respect from without, and assisted by the regular troops, will afford effectual defence against the open attempts of external enemies.

The expiration of the existing Militia Act in July next is an additional reason for suggesting the importance of it to you at the present moment.

On motion of Mr. *De Bonne*, seconded by Mr. *De Salaberry*.

*Ordered*, that a Committee of five Members be appointed, of which three shall form a *Quorum*, to prepare and report an Address of thanks in answer to his Excellency the Governor General's Gracious Speech to both Houses this day : that the Committee do meet in one of the Committee Rooms to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, and that his Excellency's Speech be referred to the said Committee.

*Ordered*, that Messieurs *De Bonne, Young, Grant, Frobisher and Malbiot* do compose said Committee.