

has not been actually visited, may fairly be believed, on the authority of Mr. Browne's information: more especially, as it agrees so nearly with the report of the Darfour people, to Ledyard, at Cairo; with the reports of the Arabian geographers; and with the information collected by M. Maillet, in Egypt.

"Thirdly. The place of the Oasis, and remains of the temple of Jupiter Ammon; discovered by Mr. Browne, and corroborated by Mr. Horneman: as also, the exact position and extent of the Greater Oasis, by Mr. Browne; and the approximated position of the Lesser Oasis, by the joint inquiries of the same gentlemen.

"Fourthly. The position of the nation called *Garamantes* by the ancients derived from information collected by the African Association.

"Fifthly. The truth of the question respecting the *Lotus*; which, considered fairly, and stripped of the poetical ideas annexed to it, is really what the ancients described it to be. The merit of this discovery, or at least, the distinct proof of it, rests in a great measure, with Mr. Park.

"Sixthly. The proof of certain facts stated by the ancients; as,

"1. The Dates of the distant inland tracts, being gathered by the people of the sea coast.

"2. The *Mons Ater* of Pliny, recognised in the *Black Harusch*.

"3. The site of Memphis, before involved in doubt and obscurity.

"4. The singular conformation of the Mound of *Babasis*, in Lower Egypt, perceived by the French *Savans*.

"Although a part, only, of these discoveries, have been made by persons employed by the Association, yet

it is probable that the gentleman, to whom we owe some of the most brilliant of them, was in part determined to the pursuit, by the discussions set on foot by the Association; which had been established some years before Mr. Browne's travels commenced."

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SPEECH of His Excellency Lieut General Hunter, Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, at the opening of the Legislature, at York, the 20th Jan'y. 1803.

Honorable Gentlemen

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

You are now assembled at a season of the year, when I trust, your attendance upon your public duty will least interfere with your private concerns.

It is highly pleasing to me, that I have to congratulate you, on the termination of hostilities between our mother country and the other belligerent powers of Europe, in announcing to you, that since the last session, I have received official information of the signature of the definitive treaty of peace.

I have also particular satisfaction in notifying to you, the present prospect of an increase in that branch of our Revenue, which arises on the importation of merchandize from the United States into this Province. At the same time, I think it necessary to call your attention to a revision of that law, by which those duties were imposed, fully relying that your wisdom and exertions will be abundantly adequate to the introduction of such further regulations and provisions, as will ensure to the Province those duties, which according to the true spirit and meaning of the law, ought to be yielded.

I am also fully persuaded, that you will find it an object worthy your mature and deliberate consideration, to adopt such amendments in all our other Provincial laws, relating to our internal revenues, as will prove an efficient remedy against evasion and fraud (an evil now existing to too great an extent) and as will effectually enforce, a just and equitable collection of those very light and easy taxes, which have been imposed to meet the public exigencies, and which the resources of His Majesty's subjects of Upper Canada are fully equal to discharge.