

*Monday, 24th December, 1810.*

At the hour appointed, Mr. Speaker and the House went up to the Castle of *Saint Lewis*, with the Address of this House to His Excellency the Governor in Chief.

And being returned ;

Mr. Speaker reported, that the House had attended upon His Excellency the Governor in Chief, with their Address, to which His Excellency was pleased to make the following Answer :

Gentlemen,

The sentiments of Loyalty, and the good intentions to promote the interests of His Majesty's Government, and the welfare of your fellow Subjects, expressed in this Address, are such only as I expected from you, and demand my acknowledgments.

I shall at all times receive with attention and regard, any information or advice that the House of Assembly may think proper to convey to me. In the present instance, however, I feel myself called on to observe, that my information of the state of the Province, does not warrant that, which you say, you think it your duty to give me, of the existence of fears and apprehensions with relation to the execution of the Act for the preservation of His Majesty's Government, at least as applied to the people in general. If such fears and apprehensions exist, are they not confined to those who are aware of the possibility of themselves becoming obnoxious to the operation of the Act ? The voice of such will be always loud, and may not their clamour have misled you to suppose them more numerous than I trust they really are ? But with regard to the good people of the Province, I am so far from thinking that they feel any apprehensions on the subject, that I date the subsiding of the ferment that then existed, and the restoration of the calm that has since prevailed among them, precisely from the moment at which the execution of that Act took place. Similar means to those formerly employed,