

Government, to afford it co-operation in a manner that would materially facilitate the completion of those great works, projected by the Commissioners for the improvement of our Inland Navigation, whose report you were pleased to transmit with your recommendation to His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, and shall feel highly gratified in pursuing the details of the correspondence which has passed on this subject, when laid before us, as they will doubtless exhibit an additional proof of the favourable disposition with which His Majesty's Government regards the Province, we cannot be insensible to the great obligations we are under to your Excellency for contributing, by your strong recommendation, to the success of our various prayers, thus adding fresh proofs of your Excellency's ardent desire to promote by every means in your power the happiness of the Province.

Cherishing the same persuasion which experience permits your Excellency to indulge that from the continuance of unanimity in our proceedings, and from a mutual confidence between the government and the People, His Majesty will receive the most convincing assurance that the advantages extended to us are duly appreciated, and well be judiciously and effectually improved, we are happy in assuring your Excellency that it shall be our earnest study to preserve this unanimity and confidence which have guided our deliberations so harmoniously for many years, and which have never been interrupted since your Excellency assumed the Government of the Colony.

Legislative Council Chamber: }
15th January, 1825. }

J. BABY, Speaker.

To which His Excellency was pleased to make the following reply:—

Honourable Gentlemen.

Your sentiments of dutiful and affectionate attachment to His Majesty, and the sense you entertain of the genial influence and fostering care of the Parent State, give me the greatest satisfaction; and your concurrence with my wishes to preserve that unanimity and mutual confidence which have happily prevailed in the intercourse of this Legislature for many years is highly agreeable to me, and affords the best founded hopes that your labours will continue essentially to advance the interest of your country.

January 17th, 1825.

This day, at Eleven o'clock, the House of Assembly waited upon His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with the Address, of which the following is a copy:—
To His Excellency Sir Peregrine Maitland, Knight Commander of the Most Honourable Military Order of the Bath, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Upper Canada, and Major General Commanding His Majesty's Forces in North America, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, his Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects the Commons of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly beg leave to thank your Excellency for your gracious Speech from the Throne at the opening of the present Session.

We very much regret the injury the Province has sustained in the destruction of the building erected for the use of the Legislature, and lament that it has been attended with the loss of documents, the want of which, will no doubt prove inconvenient, though we trust it will not so materially obstruct our labours, as to render them less effectual for the public good.

We recognize with feelings of the warmest gratitude the proof which his Majesty has afforded of his most gracious attention to the wants of this Province in directing to be dispensed from the Imperial Treasury a very considerable sum towards relieving the sufferers by the late war. And we are deeply sensible of his Majesty's goodness in procuring, upon the prayer of this Province, such a modification of the East India Company's Charter as it is hoped will admit of our being supplied, hereafter, with a most important article of consumption in a manner that must equally contribute to the increase of lawful commerce, and the suppression of illicit Trade, which has been alike injurious to the Revenue, and prejudicial to public morals.

We deem it by no means an inconsiderable addition to those important benefits, that, through his Majesty's gracious recommendation, an abatement has been made in the British import duty on a principal production of the Western District, since we anticipate from that indulgence much encouragement to the agricultural interests