

TO HIS EXCELLENCY
ROBERT SHORE MILNES, ESQUIRE,

Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of the Province of Lower Canada, &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

WE His Majesty's faithful Subjects the Representatives of the Commons of *Lower Canada*, in Provincial Parliament assembled, sincerely thank your Excellency for your Gracious Speech to both Houses on the opening of the present Session:—

It cannot but afford us matter of the highest consolation, and gratitude to His Majesty, that at a time when many Parts of Europe, and other Quarters of the Globe are afflicted by the miseries of War, his faithful Subjects in this Province are enabled to enjoy with confidence the fruits of their Industry, and to meet in tranquility to consult for the Public Welfare.

To the vigilance of our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to the vigour and enterprize of his Fleets and Armies this Province, in common with the other Dependencies of his Crown, most undoubtedly owes its safety and protection.

The spirit of hostility, and the destructive principles of the common Enemy of all Civilized Governments, still continuing without disavowal, the same measures of precaution, which have hitherto been found so effectually salutary, appear to us equally necessary. We shall therefore forthwith take into consideration the renewal of those temporary Laws, which have contributed to frustrate the machinations of the Emissaries of discord.

We shall likewise take into consideration the means of enabling the Executive Government, to prevent in future, the introduction of contagious or infectious Diseases by ships coming into our Ports, for which the provisions of the Quarantine Act, have been found inadequate.

The prosperity of our Mother Country upon which our own depends, must ever give us great satisfaction,—Her encreasing Commerce, and
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