

“ procure a competent opinion and report upon the circumstances of this
 “ vast River, in contemplation of a great work, for the convenient transit of
 “ Timber, uninjured, from the upper parts of the Province ; and likewise to
 “ consider the means of improving the navigation throughout its course, by
 “ removing or opening those natural impediments (some of which appear to
 “ be increasing) which obstruct so seriously the navigation of the River, and
 “ impede or prevent the transit of the more bulky productions of our indus-
 “ try, from the interior of the Country.

“ Although the external transactions of the Province are proceeding in a
 “ very flourishing condition, and the interior circumstances improving, yet
 “ the very great demand for, and consequent high price of labour, continues
 “ to lay the operations of our industry under serious difficulty. This is par-
 “ ticularly felt in Agricultural pursuits ; which, under such charges and dis-
 “ advantages, cannot be carried on, profitably, in that degree, which is ne-
 “ cessary to augment sufficiently the production of subsistence, at present so
 “ inadequate to our supply, and procured at so serious a cost from the foreign
 “ grower. The increasing demand for labor, (an indication of an improving
 “ country,) is operating to procure an increased supply of hands, which, if
 “ applied to Agriculture, would lower the cost of production, and cause the
 “ high price of Agricultural produce to act with increasing effect, as a pre-
 “ mium upon Agricultural industry. But these tendencies, operating, at
 “ present, slowly, from obvious causes, in favour of *Agricultural* improve-
 “ ment, require encouragement, facilities, and excitements to quicken its
 “ progress. These should consist in measures to develope more perfectly,
 “ and make more generally known, the vast capacities which this fine coun-
 “ try presents for cultivation ; to improve all its internal communications,
 “ and particularly to provide funds for surveying, laying out and opening
 “ Roads to young settlements ; and thus favoring and attracting, by every
 “ means, investments of labor and capital, in greater abundance, to the cul-
 “ tivation of the soil, endeavour to raise the real circumstances and condition
 “ of the country to that state of improvement and productiveness which is
 “ necessary to place the affairs of the Province on a safe and solid basis.
 “ Much in these respects will depend upon the Societies which have been
 “ organized for encouraging industrious Emigrants and Settlers ; for acquir-
 “ ing and circulating a knowledge of the various capacities of the country ;
 “ for improving the breed of Cattle ; and for exciting and directing a spirit
 “ of improvement in Agriculture. It gave me the greatest satisfaction to see
 “ in all parts of the Province, Institutions formed for these purposes, com-
 “ posed of influential and intelligent persons ; and I earnestly recommend a
 “ continuation of the Grant made in the last Session, to enable those Socie-
 “ ties to proceed in the accomplishment of objects so highly beneficial, and
 “ which I shall support with my utmost favor.

“ In the calamities which the Province has suffered, and under the painful
 “ difficulties in which the Government was placed, it is a great consolation
 “ and relief to me to meet the Legislature of the Country. With entire con-
 “ fidence in your wisdom, liberality and loyalty, I have called you together,
 “ in continuation of your Legislative duties ; and I am well persuaded that
 “ these will be exercised, for the solid advantage of the Province, in a man-
 “ ner which will claim my cordial concurrence, to give effect to such purpo-
 “ ses, and so tend to accomplish the ardent wishes I entertain for the welfare
 “ and permanent prosperity of New-Brunswick.”

Mr.