

“ each department, considered as a fundamental maxim—uni-  
 “ versally to regulate our proceedings by those models only  
 “ which had been sanctioned, in similar cases, by the practice  
 “ of the Parent State; and, in cases peculiar to our local situ-  
 “ ation, or to the subordinate condition of a province, to de-  
 “ viate from those venerable rules no further than necessity  
 “ should require. To this maxim I take the present occasion  
 “ of recalling your attention, and of recommending it to your  
 “ steady pursuit in all your future deliberations.

“ The principal business which, at this time, requires dis-  
 “ patch (after what concerns the provincial revenue) is the  
 “ continuation or renewal, perhaps with some amendments,  
 “ of such temporary laws as have been found to be of real uti-  
 “ lity, and may be near expiring.

“ GENTLEMEN *of the ASSEMBLY*,

“ I have directed the necessary papers and accounts, toge-  
 “ ther with the estimates for the year ensuing, to be laid be-  
 “ fore you.

“ A plan of a suitable building, for the decent accommoda-  
 “ tion of the General Assembly and the Courts of Justice, and  
 “ for which a convenient situation in the *Town of Fredericton*  
 “ has been allotted, was recommended to the consideration of  
 “ the late House of Assembly; to whom also I suggested the  
 “ importance of making some annual allowance in support of  
 “ a Provincial Seminary of Learning, of which a foundation  
 “ had been laid by an allotment of lands adjacent to this Town,  
 “ but which cannot, for many years to come, be sufficiently  
 “ productive to answer the exigencies of such an institution;  
 “ and I earnestly recommend it to you, as a business that calls  
 “ for your immediate attention, to make effectual provision  
 “ for both these objects, which are of such evident import-  
 “ ance.

“ GENTLEMEN *of the COUNCIL*,

“ *And* GENTLEMEN *of the ASSEMBLY*,

“ The people, of whom this rising colony is composed, have,  
 “ under the most trying circumstances, given signal proofs of  
 “ unshaken loyalty and a just estimation of the peculiar bless-  
 “ ings which they inherit under the British Government and  
 “ Constitution. To them, therefore, it must be a subject of  
 “ exultation,