

has, during this eventful period, been exalted beyond all former example ; and universal admiration and applause have been excited by the glorious result of the hard-fought and decisive battle of Waterloo : Contested, as it was, by a part only of the Armies of the Allied Sovereigns, opposed to a far superior force, yet these Troops, directed by the consummate skill and bravery of the Duke of WELLINGTON and Prince BLUCHER, and animated by the most heroic valour, overthrew the host which BONAPARTE had assembled for their destruction, and opened to themselves a ready way to the French Capital. To the gallant and successful exertions of those Illustrious Commanders, and the Heroes who served under them on that memorable occasion, is Europe, under Divine Providence, indebted for a Peace, which promises to be as permanent as it is honorable.

The Treaty of Peace between Great-Britain and America, which has been ratified by the latter Power since our last meeting in General Assembly, is another subject for congratulation.

The Declaration of War by the Government of the United States against us in 1812, having abrogated the Treaty of 1783, the Americans have, consequently, forfeited the privilege they enjoyed by that Treaty, of fishing upon our Coasts, and curing their fish in the uninhabited creeks and harbours of this Province ; and I am particularly happy to observe, that no stipulation for the renewal of this objectionable Article has been made in the present Treaty. You will further perceive, by the Commercial arrangements which have since taken place between the two Countries, that our Parent State evinces a determination to prevent all foreign interference with the welfare of her Colonies. The British North-American Provinces will, consequently, be enabled to supply our West-India Islands with fish and lumber, without the dread of any competition from their American neighbours in these branches of commerce. Prospects so encouraging will, I doubt not, be taken advantage of by the industrious and enterprising inhabitants of Nova-Scotia ; and, you may rest assured, that nothing can be more gratifying to my feelings, than to see this Province advancing with rapid steps towards the attainment of that state of commercial prosperity, to which, from her local situation, and her maritime and agricultural resources, she is so well entitled to look forward.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :

I have directed the accounts of the public expenditure for the last year, to be laid before you ; and I trust they will be found correct and satisfactory. The proper Officer will present to you an estimate for the Civil Establishment, and other services required for the present year ; for which, from the frequent experience I have already had of your liberality, I entertain no doubt but that you will make the necessary provision.

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council :

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :

Although the state of the weather during the last Summer, has proved to
unfavorable