

eration of the Government of this Province, so I do rely with equal assurance, that I shall not fail to experience those same principles, in that which I am now addressing ; and in the confident expectation, that you are animated by the best intentions to promote the interests of His Majesty's Government, and the welfare of his People, I shall look for the happy effects of such a disposition, in the tenor of your deliberations, and the dispatch of the public business.

Of the state of public affairs in Europe, I have no official notice, on which I can ground any information to be given to you. In these parts it appears, however, that no advances have been made towards an accommodation of the differences that have so long subsisted between His Majesty's Government and that of the United States ; such is, indeed, so far from being the case, that I am warranted in stating, that new claims, as relating to their neutral rights, have been brought forward by the latter, of a nature that seem likely to place that wished for event at a very uncertain period.

I desire to call your attention to the temporary Act for the preservation of His Majesty's Government, as by Law happily established in this Province ; and to that for establishing regulations respecting Aliens, and certain Subjects of His Majesty, who have resided in France. No change has taken place in the state of public affairs, that can warrant a departure from those precautions, and that vigilance, which have hitherto induced all branches of the Legislature to consider these Acts as necessary. In saying that they are important to the interests of His Majesty's Government, you will not, I am confident, for a moment suppose, that I mean to divide these from the interests of the public : they are inseparable. The preservation of His Majesty's Government, is the safety of the Province, and its security is the only safeguard to the public tranquillity. Under these considerations, therefore, I cannot but recommend them, together with the Act making temporary provision for the regulation of Trade between this Province and the United States, to your first and immediate consideration.

If any other matters should occur, to which I may conceive it necessary to call your attention, I shall communicate them by Message.

*Gentlemen*