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cently thrown themselves into the neighbouring States, strongly recommend the immediate revival of the "Act for establishing regulations respecting Aliens;" with such modifications, as those circumstances may render it proper to adopt.

You have had the satisfaction of seeing that the Executive Government has completely redeemed its pledge to the Public, by calling in, and paying in cash the Army Bills which were in circulation.

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

I shall order a statement of the Provincial Revenue of the Crown, and of the Expenditure of the last year, to be laid before you.

I have it in command from His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, to assure you, that His Royal Highness views with much pleasure, the additional proof of patriotism and public spirit, afforded by the sum voted towards the completion of a proposed Canal from Montreal to La Chine His Majesty's Government duly appreciating the many important objects with which that work is connected, are greatly interested in its early execution; and I await only further instructions upon the subject, to proceed to carry it into effect.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,
and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

I cannot omit to press upon your consideration, the importance of further promoting the internal communications of the Province; and of making effectual provision for the full accomplishment of an object of such obvious and general utility.

You will, I doubt not, justify the firm reliance which I place on your loyal attachment to the Person and Government of your Sovereign, and your enlightened zeal for the Public Service; nor will you, I trust, disappoint my confident expectation, that this Session of the Provincial Parliament will be distinguished for accordant exertion, and efficient dispatch in conducting the public business.

You may be affured, that, on my part, I shall be most cordially disposed to second your laudable endeavours, by a ready co-operation in every measure which may tend to advance the interests and promote the westers of this Province.

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