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CANADA CROWN REVENUES.

RETURN to an Address of the Honourable The House of Commons,
dated 11th July 1831;—for

COPIES of all COMMUNICATIONS which have passed relative to the APPROPRIATION of the CROWN REVENUES, and other Financial Arrangements relative thereto, between the Governors of *Upper or of Lower Canada*, and the Legislatures of the two Provinces.

Colonial Department,
Downing-street,
13 July 1831. }

R. W. HAY.

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LOWER CANADA.

AYLMER, Governor-in-Chief.

THE Governor in Chief has received from the Secretary of State for the Colonial Department His Majesty's commands to make the following communication to the ^{Legislative Council,} _{House of Assembly,} with a view to the final adjustment of the question of Finance which has so long engaged the attention of the Legislature of this Province.

His Majesty, taking into consideration the best mode of contributing to the prosperity and contentment of His faithful subjects of the Province of Lower Canada, places at the disposal of the Legislature all His Majesty's interest in those Taxes which are now levied in the Province by virtue of different Acts of the British Parliament, and which are appropriated by the Treasury under His Majesty's commands, together with all fines and forfeitures levied under the authority of such Acts. His Majesty, relying on the liberality and justice of the Legislature of Lower Canada, invites them to consider the propriety of making some settled provision for such portion of the expenses of the Civil Government of the Province as may, upon examination, appear to require an arrangement of a more permanent nature than those supplies which it belongs to the Legislature to determine by annual votes. His Majesty has directed to be prepared and laid before the ^{Council} _{House} an Estimate of the sums required for that purpose; and in directing the preparation of that Estimate His Majesty has been guided by a wish, never absent from his heart, to call upon his faithful subjects for no other supply than such as may appear to be required for the due execution of those services which it is proposed to charge upon the Civil List.

His Majesty concedes the disposal of these Revenues with cordial good will, and cannot doubt that it will be met with a reciprocal feeling by the ^{Legislative} _{representatives of an attached} ^{Council.} _{and loyal people.} The Revenues to be given up, taken upon the average of the two last years, amount to 38,125 *l.* currency; and the amount of the Civil List, according to the estimate herewith transmitted, amounts to 19,500 *l.*

It is not, however, necessary to call upon the Legislature to grant the whole sum of 19,500 *l.*, inasmuch as by the Provincial Act of the 35 Geo. III. the sum of 5,000 *l.* is permanently granted towards the maintenance of the Civil Government; the moderate sum of 14,500 *l.* is therefore all that is deemed necessary to ask for the completion of the proposed arrangement.