

the many advantages we possess under her protection.

We are happy to find, that there is a prospect of an increase of our revenue, arising on the merchandize imported from the United States into this Province, and knowing its importance, we assure your Excellency, that our most serious attention shall not be wanting to revise the law by which those duties are imposed, and that we shall endeavor to make such further regulations and provisions, as will ensure to the Province those duties, which, according to the true spirit and meaning of the said law, ought to be yielded.

We are truly sensible that the taxes, imposed by our Provincial laws to meet the public exigencies, are light and easy on His Majesty's subjects of this Province, and being well convinced that their resources are fully equal to discharge them, our mature and deliberate consideration shall be bestowed, in adopting such amendments as will prove an efficient remedy against every fraud or evasion which may exist, and as will enforce a just and equitable collection of the said taxes.

We shall bestow our most careful attention upon the Public Accounts, which your Excellency has been pleased to order to be laid before us, having due regard to the nature and importance of the subject.

We feel it our duty to thank your Excellency for your solicitude for the welfare and happiness of the King's subjects in this Province, and their posterity, evinced by your issuing a Proclamation, which has been so generally circulated, by which they have been notified of the times and places where the Commissioners for ascertaining titles to land, will attend for the accelerating the accomplishment of that business, which, by the labor and exertions of those engaged in it, will ultimately produce the most happy effects in securing to them indisputable titles to their landed property, an object truly inestimable.

The happiness and prosperity of His Majesty's subjects, must ever be our principal object in all our deliberations, and we assure your Excellency, our exertions shall always be used in enacting such particular laws, in addition to our present code, as the situation and circumstances of the Province render necessary, and as will give energy to the government under which we have the happiness to live, and enjoy so many blessings,

(Signed)

RICHARD BEASLEY, Speaker.

Commons House of Assembly, }
York, 28th January, 1803. }

To which His Excellency was pleased to return the following ANSWER:

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

I thank you for this dutiful and loyal address. Your congratulations of the termination of hostilities in Europe are also highly acceptable to me, and your concurrence with my wishes for the

amendment of our revenue laws, affords me great satisfaction.

I feel fully convinced of the sincerity of your assurances, that the giving energy to His Majesty's government, and the promotion of the happiness of His subjects in this Province, will form the principal objects of your future deliberations.

CHAMBRE D'ASSEMBLÉE.

Lundi, 28e Fevrier, 1803. Un Bill qui continue un Acte, qui fait une provision temporaire pour le reglement du commerce entre cette Province et les Etats Unis, a été lu pour la premiere fois.

La Chambre s'est alors formée en Comité sur le Bill pour empêcher l'inhumation des morts dans les Eglises de cette Province, et dans les Cimetières en dedans des murs des villes de Quebec et Montreal.*—Mr. Bell a fait rapport de quelques progrès faits, et a obtenu permission de sieger de nouveau Mercredi prochain.

Mardi, 1er Mars. Il a été ordonné de faire venir à la Barre de la Chambre demain, différentes personnes, pour être examinées par un Comité de toute la Chambre, sur l'objet du Bill pour empêcher l'inhumation des morts, &c.

Mr. James Cuthbert présenta un Bill pour lever les doutes concernant l'esclavage dans cette Province, et pour d'autres objets, qui a été lu pour la premiere fois.†

Il a été reçu un message du Conseil Législatif par l'Honorable Juge Williams, priant la Chambre de nommer un Comité pour rencontrer un Comité du Conseil et recevoir une proposition touchant la maniere de

* Les débats sur ce Bill ont été très longs et très diffus : ils ont été principalement sur la procédure.

† Ce Bill déclare qu'il n'y a point d'esclaves en Canada : et il pourvoit seulement à des reglemens pour assurer aux voyageurs leurs esclaves ou à d'autres qui pourroient en amener en passant.