

has taken place already with this view, and you know the character of the person we should have to deal with. I have not attempted to renew a negotiation on the subject, because I do not think it would be prudent at this moment, nor indeed would it have been so at any time, since I came here, to give cause for suspecting that to be in view, which I am very clear should not be attempted, but under the determination to carry it into effect.

I think if an opportunity occurs, you should explain what passed before the Council, and with respect to the publication of the Proclamation.

The resumption of the Estate, now in the hands of the Seminary at Montreal, is likewise an object of some importance, not merely as an object of revenue, but as a circumstance that would materially increase the influence of Government.

It is of very great importance, that you should obtain for me a decision on the question I have put, as to the conduct to be pursued towards the next Parliament. I consider it as indispensably necessary that their resolution for incapacitating the Judges should be noticed,—if it passes by disregarded, I know not the lengths to which they may not go. You will recollect that I must call them together by the 26th February, and I shall be exceedingly embarrassed indeed, if I do not receive instructions on the subject, prior to that day. If I do not, the only remedy appears to me at present, to be, to prorogue them at the same time, that I approve of the Speaker. The misfortune is that you will probably not arrive in England until after the end of the present Session; consequently, the mode of correction which I have pointed out as the most efficacious, which is to oblige them to rescind that vote, by an Act of the Imperial Parliament, can hardly take place so that I should receive the Act by the period on which I must assemble them. This, however, depends upon