

The glorious victories obtained by his Majesty's armies in Portugal, have enabled his Majesty to secure the dominions of an ancient Ally, from a cruel and rapacious enemy.

The constancy and success with which his Majesty's Ally, the King of Sweden, has maintained the honor and independence of his Crown, against a formidable confederacy, allow us to hope, under the blessing of Divine Providence, that the rest of Europe, animated by such glorious examples, will join in the noble efforts now making for her peace and independence.

The readiness with which the Colonies of Spain and Portugal have united with the Mother Countries, has completed the overthrow of measures planned for the destruction of British Trade, by a general confederacy, formed under the influence of France; and the present flourishing state of the commerce and revenue of Great-Britain, proves that the arts and intrigues of France cannot materially affect them.

When I turn my thoughts to the affairs of this Province, I find much to congratulate you upon:—We can now fully and fairly estimate the effects of the Embargo, so long and so rigorously imposed on the commerce of the United States, by the Government of that country. The manner in which their general restriction of trade has been carried into execution, leaves no doubt as to the real object intended to be accomplished by it. The project has totally failed; and the British Nation has derived sufficient experience from the measure, to be convinced that her Colonies and Commerce can be as little affected by the Embargo of America, as by the Blockading Decrees of France. New sources have been resorted to with success, to supply the deficiencies produced by so sudden an interruption of commerce; and the vast increase of Imports and Exports of this Province proves that the Embargo is a measure well adapted to promote the true interest of his Majesty's North-American Colonies.

The abundant crops of every kind, with which it has pleased the Almighty to bless this Province; the great increase of Agriculture and Fisheries, and the considerable supply of timber which we have sent to the Mother Country;—The augmentation of our Revenue; and, above all, the just sense which the people of this country entertain of the happiness they enjoy under his Majesty's truly paternal Government, afford ample cause for congratulation, and give unquestionable proofs of the prosperity and rapid increase of this valuable Province.

After the close of the last Session, I took the earliest opportunity to give effect to the Act then passed for the better regulation of the Militia Forces; and I feel great satisfaction in informing you, that twenty-six Battalions are completely organized, and placed in a state of training and instruction; and I have every hope, from the general zeal and good disposition of the people, that the Province will acquire a great degree of permanent security from the measure,—I have already caused a large proportion of the Militia to be armed and accoutred; and I have ordered the Quartermaster General to lay before you the proper accounts of this expence, that measures may be adopted to liquidate and pay the same, in conformity with your Resolution relative thereto.

The tour I made through the midland and western Districts of the Province, afforded me a just conception of many local points; and particularly the importance of good public roads.—I have paid every attention in my power to the expenditure of the monies voted for that service; and the proper accounts in that Department are directed to be laid before you.—Besides calling your attention to that important object, I must also recommend to you such measures as may be judged beneficial for the improvement of the Agriculture and Fisheries of this Province; and to encourage Settlers to occupy and cultivate the waste lands.

Gentlemen