

“ support the Interests and Institutions of the Province in a manner that
 “ will not fail to receive from me that ready and cordial concurrence which
 “ it will be my greatest pleasure to bestow upon all measures that may be
 “ calculated to advance the public good.

“ It affords me great pleasure to have it in my power to congratulate you
 “ on the very prosperous state of the Provincial Finances. The Revenue of
 “ the last exceeds greatly, that of any former year, and yields a large surplus
 “ beyond the charges incurred, within the corresponding period.

“ *Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

“ I shall direct the Treasurer's Accounts to be laid before you. I rely
 “ upon your making the usual provisions for the Ordinary Services of the
 “ Province; and I am happy to acquaint you that the state of the Treasury
 “ is such as to enable you to provide for other objects of public interest and
 “ utility, to which your bounty has already been extended, and also to pro-
 “ mote other important purposes which I shall hereafter bring before you.

“ *Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council,*

“ *Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

“ Watching assiduously over the Public Interests, I shall have to submit
 “ to you, by Message, various measures which it will be necessary to bring
 “ under your consideration in the course of the Session: But whilst I reserve
 “ matters of detail for that mode of communication, important considerations
 “ and general views, which require to be fully and forcibly put to the Coun-
 “ try, and which could not be properly treated in partial or very concise
 “ form, render it expedient, on this particular occasion, to lay before you such
 “ a statement of public affairs, as may embrace, generally, all interests, and
 “ leave nothing in doubt as to our real situation, in the more important
 “ branches of our well being.

“ I have great pleasure in stating to you that I find the affairs of the Pro-
 “ vince to be generally in a very prosperous condition. It will be useful
 “ however, to observe, closely, how far this prosperity depends upon adven-
 “ titious circumstances, and in what degree it rests upon our own inherent
 “ means and resources; for it is necessary to contemplate the condition in
 “ which the Country might be placed, by alterations in such of her transac-
 “ tions as may be deemed precarious, to feel, with due effect, the necessity,
 “ which I earnestly represent, of attending zealously to those internal resour-
 “ ces which are not of that uncertain description. The trade of the Province
 “ is, at present, very active; but much of that activity depends, obviously,
 “ upon external circumstances, on the permanency of which, it were impru-
 “ dent to continue to stake, so exclusively, the well being of the Country. It
 “ will be prudent, therefore, to endeavour to open channels by which we may
 “ make our Commerce more general, and consequently less precarious, and
 “ particularly to establish and improve commercial intercourse with our sis-
 “ ter Colonies. Taking from *them*, what we require, we may make returns
 “ by some important operations of our industry, and particularly by the pro-
 “ ceeds of an advantageous trade which this transaction would greatly extend;
 “ contributing thus to each others wants, in a way mutually beneficial; and,
 “ in an union of interests, promoting and consolidating strong and lasting
 “ ties.

“ Other channels for commercial operations of very advantageous natures
 “ invite us to cultivate with increased activity, that rich source of wealth
 “ (one of our natural advantages) which our Fisheries present! These, if ren-
 “ dered