

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly—

In compliance with the injunction of His Majesty I have again to recommend to your attention the estimates for the current year, and also the accounts showing the arrears due in respect of the Civil Government, which were laid before you during the last Session. The King has observed that you were induced, in that Session, to grant the Supplies only for six months, and to prefer the complaints contained in your Address, apparently in consequence of the publication of a few detached passages from the instructions to which I have alluded, and of inferences drawn from them, which a knowledge of their entire contents must be expected to remove. His Majesty thinks it therefore but just that you should not be held to be committed to a course adopted under a misconception, but should have an opportunity of re-considering your conclusions with the full information as to the views and intentions of His Government, which you will derive from a perusal of the whole of the documents to be laid before you; and he trusts that upon your becoming acquainted with their general tenor and spirit, you will accede to the application which I made to you at the commencement of the last Session, and which I am commanded now to renew, for payment of the arrears due on account of the Public Service, and for the funds necessary to carry on the Civil Government of the Province.

That the business of Government cannot be carried on successfully whilst the salaries of the public servants remain unpaid, is too obvious I hope to leave room for a suspicion on the mind of any one that, in making this renewed demand for the liquidation of these just claims, either His Majesty's Ministers in England, or I who bear His delegated authority in this Province can have any object in view separate from the public good.

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,**Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.—*

As this meeting of the Legislature has been convened for the purposes I have already mentioned, and as a prolonged absence from your homes at this particular season of the year may be attended with inconvenience to you, it is not my present intention to recommend any other matters to your consideration. I cannot, however, refrain from congratulating you on the summer having passed away without any signs of epidemical disease, for which we ought to feel deeply thankful, nor from publicly expressing my gratification at the reception I everywhere met with in my recent visits to different parts of the Province.

It is to me matter of the highest satisfaction to know, that the exposition which I made to you at our first meeting, of the views and policy of His Majesty's Ministers towards this country, and of the principles which should guide me in the administration of its affairs, is fully borne out by the documents I shall lay before you, and has met with the approbation of my sovereign. From the day I entered on my arduous duties I have to the very utmost of my ability acted up to the principles I professed; nor have I ever ceased to remember that the two first objects of my government, were the removal of abuses, and the reconciliation of opposing parties. By caution, by forbearance, and by the exercise of what I believe to be a liberal policy, I have sought to promote the welfare of the country, and to gain your confidence. If I succeed in this latter object, I shall rejoice at it, principally because it will afford me the means of doing the greater good: and if I fail of success, I shall always be consoled with the consciousness of having laboured earnestly to deserve it.

The following draught of an Address in answer to the Governor's Speech was passed

in Committee, reported, and adopted by the House of Assembly—61 to 3:

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Archibald Earl of Gosford, Baron Worsingham of Beceles in the County of Suffolk, Captain General and Governor-in-Chief in and over the Provinces of Lower Canada and Upper Canada, Vice Admiral of the same, and one of His Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, &c. &c. &c.

May it please Your Excellency:

We, His Majesty's faithful and loyal Subjects, the Commons of Lower Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly thank Your Excellency for the Speech delivered from the Throne at the opening of the present Session. We in like manner express our thanks for the promptitude with which His Majesty's Government has, as Your Excellency has been pleased to inform us, in compliance with the desire expressed by us in the last Session, sent so early an answer to the Address then voted by us, after mature deliberation, upon the State of the Province. We beg Your Excellency to be assured that that Address contained the faithful and sincere expression of our wishes, opinions, and wants, at the same time, that it was calculated to remove every doubt respecting the spirit of liberality in which this House would receive the necessary Reforms in the Institutions and Administration of the Government of this Province, so long prayed for by this Branch of the Legislature and by the Body of the People. We therefore trust that the Answer will be explicit and satisfactory, and tend speedily to remove the obstacles which have hitherto prevented the correction of abuses, the redress of Grievances, and the prosperity of the Province.

With this hope, whatever inconvenience we may suffer from the particular season of the year in which the Legislature has been assembled, any personal sacrifice will be deemed of little moment; and we beg to assure Your Excellency, that on every occasion in which we are called upon to exercise the powers entrusted to us, we shall consider it one of the highest and most imperative of our duties to devote our attention to the removal of the evils under which the People of this Province have laboured and still continue to labour, and to protect them from the effects of a system which has corrupted the Provincial Government and which has even driven the highest authorities in the Empire to acts and measures injurious to the liberties of His Majesty's faithful Canadian Subjects.

We have not deemed it necessary to enter in detail upon the consideration of the various subjects adverted to by your Excellency, until such time as, according to promise, Your Excellency shall have more fully communicated to us the reasons which have caused the convocation of the Provincial Parliament. Your Excellency in limiting the subjects to which you have called our attention under the present circumstances has, no doubt, been actuated not only by the motives expressed by Your Excellency, but moreover by the consideration that although this House has, during the great length of the last session, zealously laboured for the welfare of the Province, and with that view adopted many measures which we deemed to be in accordance with His Majesty's Government, our labours have been rendered abortive in consequence of the systematic rejection by the Legislative Council of all the projects of Law calculated to remedy the past, to protect the People for the future, to enlighten them and advance their moral welfare, to improve their social and physical condition, and to entrust them with those powers and influence in the Constitution, the administration of Laws, and the management of their local affairs, to which they are entitled and which

are guaranteed to them by the very principles of Government. The circumstance of that Body having continued unchanged, must necessarily preclude the idea that His Majesty intended to harass the country by the repetition during the present Session of scenes so discredit to the vicious Constitution, which it is notwithstanding attempted to uphold. Your Excellency as well as the authorities of the Mother Country, must now be convinced that the best intentions of the head of the Provincial Government, and partial reforms in the details of the administration, must constantly prove abortive, when opposed to a system convulsed by elements essentially adverse, and in which we behold on the one hand, the People in conjunction with this House, demanding the unrestrained exercise of the powers and rights of British subjects, with a Government established upon a just basis applicable to the condition of the Province, together with the maintenance of guaranteed and endeared Institutions;—and on the other hand a branch over which the Country has no controul, which has invariably shown itself hostile to its Institutions and its Inhabitants, and which has not ceased to excite and to foster attempts at disorganization, oppression, divisions and hatreds, political ascendancy and exclusive rights for one portion of the People, and degradation for the mass of Canadians of every origin, the most detached to the permanent interests of the Country, and the best adapted to strengthen the Government. It is between these two irreconcilable systems that we trust His Majesty's Government have come to a determination in accordance with our humble prayers.—If our hopes be realized, we feel certain that the rules which Your Excellency declares to have guided you in the discharge of your arduous duties, caution, forbearance and the exercise of a liberal policy, cannot fail of success.

We are convinced of the sincerity of Your Excellency when you declare that you will rejoice in having sought to promote the welfare of the Country, and to gain its confidence, and that one of the first objects which Your Excellency has endeavoured not to lose sight of, has been the removal of abuses. We entreat Your Excellency to fulfil as far as it lies in Your Excellency's power the arduous task which has been assigned to you, and above all we beseech Your Excellency in pursuance of the attachment which Your Excellency declares that you feel towards Canada, to be pleased not to rest satisfied with partial and ineffectual reforms, but to ascend to the source of the evils under which we suffer, and to become the lasting Benefactor of the Country.—by helping to secure to the People, and to this House the exercise of all their rights, to procure the repeal of such Legislative enactments as have encroached thereon and the removal of the abuses which have fettered the exercise thereof, and to introduce in our Institutions, particularly in the Constitution of the Legislative Council, those changes confidently demanded by this House and by the People, in such a manner as to fix the Provincial Government upon a firm and liberal basis, and thereby to afford us a pledge of future prosperity, and conformably to our expressed conviction, many years of security, peace and happiness.

WINE.—A few quarter casks light Madeira, for sale by **ROSS & PRINROSE.**
12th October.

FINAL NOTICE.

ALL persons indebted to the Estate of the late **WILLIAM MORTIMER, Esq.** will please to take notice that unless they make immediate payment to the subscriber, legal proceedings will be instituted against them without distinction.

Nov. 4

MARTIN J. WILKINS