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transactions of this Colony has been its safeguard during the recent crisis, and continues unimpaired.

The employment of our population during the winter months, is a subject which may well excite Your Excellency's benevolent solicitude, and shall receive our anxious consideration. In a Country producing timber to the extent in which it is found in Newfoundland suitable for ship-building, lumbering and cooperage purposes, it would seem that means might possibly be adopted to turn to profitable account such valuable resources.

5. Your Excellency may be assured that Direct Steam Communication between this Colony and Great Britain and America, is still considered of vital importance. In our opinion the appropriation made during the last Session for that service ought not to be diminished, and we hope that the zealous exertions of those gentlemen who repaired to England from Newfoundland for that purpose last year, will soon be rewarded with success.

6. To the subject of the due administration of the Law we shall devote our best attention: an impartial and efficient dispensation of Justice, by which the lives and liberties, the peace and property, of all classes, are secured, is an object of such paramount importance that in the attainment of it every consideration except the public good must be forgotten; and we shall cheerfully co-operate with Your Excellency, and with the other Branch of the Legislature, in simplifying our Laws, and placing the Administration of Justice upon an efficient footing, to the satisfaction of Your Excellency and of the respected Chief Justice who presides in the Supreme Court.

7. We are gratified to learn the flourishing state of our Revenue: we cannot expect the comforts of civilization without paying for them, and we are happy to believe that our taxation, diffused as it is with equality over all classes, does not press with onerous weight upon any.

8. The promotion and support of Education upon a sound and permanent basis; the formation of Roads; the encouragement of