

command ; I could not, therefore, pledge myself for the delivery of these Addresses, were I to transmit them through that channel.

Under some of these considerations, I should equally feel myself bound, upon ordinary occasions, to decline transmitting any Addresses to His Majesty, that might be under circumstances similar to the present. But upon this occasion, and after mature deliberation, I think it right that it should be laid before him. I think it right, that, by an act of their own, His Majesty should be informed of the good disposition, gratitude, and generous intentions of his subjects in this Province. I think it right, also, that His Majesty, by their own act, should be formally apprised of the ability, and of the voluntary pledge and promise, which the people of this Province, by this Address to their Sovereign, and by the resolution upon which it is founded, have given to His Majesty, to pay the entire civil expenditure of the Province, when required so to do ; and consequently, without repugnance, demand from them the performance of this solemn undertaking on their part, whenever he may, in his wisdom, think it expedient so to do.

For these reasons, I shall transmit your Address to the King, as you have requested. I desire, however, that it may be distinctly understood, that as I ought not, by any act of mine, to compromise the rights of His Majesty, of the Imperial Government, or of the Legislative Council of this Province, so I do not, by this compliance with your request, concede to the Assembly of this Province, or admit that any step on their part, towards grants of money, which are not recommended by the Crown, can be Constitutional ; or that any such step can be effectual, without the concurrence of the Legislative Council, and the final approbation of the King.

The expressions of affection and of gratitude, towards His Majesty and the two Houses of the Imperial Parliament, for the favors conferred on this Province, under which it has attained its present state of prosperity, which you so warmly and so explicitly profess in your Addresses, will not permit a moment's doubt of the sincerity of your wishes to carry into complete effect the resolution which is the object of them. So

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