

which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a Copy, which he read to the House, and is as follows :

MR. PRESIDENT, *and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council ;*
MR. SPEAKER, *and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly ;*

IT affords me great pleasure to meet you again in General Assembly : and I feel particular satisfaction in having it in my power, upon this occasion, to congratulate you on the very brilliant successes obtained by His Majesty's Ally, the Emperor of All the Russias, over the French Armies, commanded by *Bonaparte* in person.

Another event, which also must afford us great cause of exultation, and which equally calls for our admiration, is the ardent Zeal, Loyalty and Courage, which have recently been so conspicuously displayed by our fellow Subjects in the Canadas ; who, supported by a comparatively small Regular Force, have been enabled by their exemplary exertions, most successfully to repel the reiterated attacks of an Invading Force.

The sincere attachment which the brave Inhabitants of the Canadas, have evinced under such trying circumstances, to our most Gracious King, and to our most excellent Constitution, redounds so much to their honour, that it cannot be too much extolled or admired ; and, as I feel assured that the same loyal sentiments which actuated them, equally pervade the breasts of their fellow Subjects in this Province. I have the utmost confidence, that from their exertions, the result would be the same, should this Colony be attacked.

I am happy in having it in my power to inform you, that I have been enabled to effect as much of the Loan (authorized by the Act of the last Session) as the exigencies have hitherto required, at the Legal Interest, without giving any premium for the Money. And having reason to think that the ordinary Revenues of the year would not be sufficient to discharge past Appropriations, and to meet the current demands in due season, I directed an emission to be made of Province Notes, conformable to the law for that purpose.—The Treasurer having represented to me, that the best effects would result, if these Notes could be received at the Army Pay-Office, I, in consequence, agreed to borrow £5000 Currency from the Treasury in Province Notes, to be repaid on demand by the Deputy Paymaster General, either in the same, or in Cash, as required. But as it would be inconvenient to the Soldier to receive Notes of larger value than those of One Pound each, and the Law had only provided for £2000 being issued in Notes of that description, I, with the advice of His Majesty's Council, required the Commissioners to prepare Three Thousand extra Notes of One Pound each, (to make up the proposed Loan) in lieu of a like sum of such Notes of a larger denomination, as the Treasurer might find more difficulty in circulating. This measure will, I doubt not meet your approbation, when I inform you, that it has fully succeeded, and that the Province Notes now pass with the same facility as ready Money.

The Treasurer will lay before you a Statement of the Public Accounts for the last Year ; and the Deputy Provincial Secretary will, by my order, present to you an Estimate for the Civil Establishment of the Government, and for such other services