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*Istuc est sapere, non quod ante pedes modo est
Videre, sed etiam illa, quæ futura sunt.* TERENCE.

To know what can be seen at every turn
Does not make knowledge; but who'd wisdom learn
The future, and the hidden, should discern.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS.....CONTINUED.

The session of 1818 forms a remarkable epoch in the annals of the provincial legislature, & more especially of the house of assembly. In that session the House began to possess, in their full extent, the rights which they might exercise; in that year His Majesty's representative in this province, Sir John Coape Sherbrooke, informed this house that it had pleased His Majesty to grant us, with confidence, what we, with liberality, had asked, in 1810; that is to say, "to supply the necessary sums for defraying all civil expenses of the administration of the government of this province."

Your committee deem it proper to give in this place, the part of his excellency's speech which relates to that matter; "I have received the commands of his Royal Highness the Prince Regent, to call upon the provincial legislature, to vote the sums necessary for the ordinary annual expenditure of the province. These commands will, I am persuaded, receive from you that weighty consideration which their importance deserves." Then, addressing the House of Assembly, his excellency added; "In pursuance of these directions which I have received from His Majesty's government, I shall order to be laid before you an estimate of the sums which will be required to defray the expenses of the civil government of the province during the year 1818. I desire you, in His Majesty's name, to provide, in a constitutional manner, the supplies which will be necessary for this purpose. I shall also order to be laid before you, the accounts of the public revenue and expenditure for the last twelve months, by which you will be able to ascertain the means of supply that are at your disposal; and I anticipate, with confidence, a continuance of that loyalty and zeal for his Majesty's service on your part, which I have hitherto experienced, and a ready execution of the offer which you made on a