

to be laid before this House, show too clearly the want of improvement in the construction and discipline of our Gaols :

That this House is fully alive to the importance of considering whether we cannot combine the reform of Juvenile offenders with the punishment of their crimes, and concur in opinion with His Excellency, that, at the very least, it is incumbent upon us to take care that such punishment does not in itself afford fresh opportunities for debasing the criminal and instructing him in vice :

That this House is gratified to learn that the Board of Audit, constituted by the Act of last Session, is already at work, and they participate in the hope expressed by His Excellency, that it will contribute to ensure a satisfactory examination of the Public Accounts :

That this House receives with peculiar gratification the assurance that, with regard to the Militia Act, the ready loyalty of the inhabitants, both in *Upper* and *Lower Canada*, has enabled His Excellency to authorize the formation of numerous Troops and Companies of Volunteers, whose conduct and discipline will undoubtedly do credit to the Province, and that His Excellency has, moreover, with the assistance of the Adjutant General, done his best to carry out the wishes of Parliament by organizing a Sedentary Militia :

That this House learns with satisfaction that the Government has, in pursuance of the wishes of the Legislature, concluded a fresh arrangement calculated to secure a line of Ocean Steamers from the *St. Lawrence* to *England* during the approaching season :

That this House share in the deep regret expressed by His Excellency at the depression of the Timber Trade, a feeling that must be participated in by all who have at heart the welfare of the Province. They cordially unite with His Excellency in the hope that we are about to witness its revival, and that the Commerce of *Quebec* and *Montreal* will have suffered but a temporary check :

That this House assures His Excellency that the Accounts of the past year, and the Estimates for the present, when laid before them, will receive their most attentive consideration :

That they are glad to learn that our Finances are, on the whole, in a satisfactory state; the people at large having reaped the benefits of those reductions in the Customs Duties which were made by Parliament last year :

That this House learns with satisfaction that the diminution in the receipts consequent on such reductions, nearly corresponds with the calculation submitted to them by His Excellency's advisers. They fully agree in the opinion expressed by His Excellency, that although a large decrease has been caused by the Reciprocity Treaty with the *United States*, any such apparent loss is more than compensated by the increased commerce and by the facility of intercourse between the two countries :

That this House assures His Excellency that he may confidently rely on their readiness to grant the Supplies necessary for the Public Service :

That they feel deeply that the year just ended has been one of difficulty and conflict in *Europe* ; that on this side of the *Atlantic*, we have however, by the blessing of Providence, escaped the direct evils of war. They fully concur with His Excellency in the belief that in no part however of Her Majesty's Dominions has a deeper sympathy with Her arms been shewn, or more fervent prayers for their success been offered than in *Canada* :

That we agree with His Excellency that our people have eagerly watched every turn of the contest, and consisting as they do, of men of *French* and *English* origin, equal members of the same free community, and loyal subjects of the same Queen, they have grieved at the sufferings and exulted in the success of the allied armies :

That this House cordially unites with His Excellency in the belief that in like manner, should it please God to establish a firm and honourable peace, *Canada*