

the Legislature, and, the Honorable Board recommend that a local law should be passed similar to that which is in force in England, provided for by the Mercantile Marine Act, which authorises the appointment of Receivers of Wreck, defines their duties, and secures due remuneration to those who often risk their lives to save life and property ; and, I shall be happy to afford such information as I am possessed of on that subject.

There was an Act passed in 1855, the 18 and 19 Vic., cap. 7, for the establishment of a Board of Works. It devolves on the Members of the Board so many important duties, that they can scarcely perform them with satisfaction to themselves or to the public, and I think the Act requires amendment in so far as regards the *internal* management of the Hospital and Penitentiary, and, when the Council have considered the matter, your attention will be again directed to it.

*Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :*

11.—The Revenue for the year 1859 amounts, I believe, to £——, but, the correct amount, along with the Estimates, will be submitted for your consideration ; and, I have only to repeat what I before urged on the last House of Assembly, that the sums which you may consider proper to vote, will be limited by the means placed at your disposal from different sources of Revenue raised by taxation on the people at large ; and, I trust that the merits of all applications made to you for grants of pecuniary aid in any way, will be considered and determined upon by yourselves, as is done in the House of Commons, and that you will not expect the Governor to sanction on his own responsibility the payment of large sums, unless the means are placed at the disposal of the Governor in Council, who, then, would be accountable for their appropriation.

*Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council :*

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :*

12.—I have now to trespass on your attention for a few minutes by alluding to a subject which has lately been considered and discussed in the neighboring Provinces, I mean the defences of Her Majesty's Colonies, and I do so, I assure you, not to create any alarm, for I entertain no such feeling, but I was reminded a short time ago that "forethought and vigilance are amongst the best securities against hostile designs" in case of any war breaking out, an event which I fervently hope is far distant.

13.—Her Majesty's Government, supported by the nation, think that the best way to secure peace is to be prepared for war ; more particu-