

by the Assembly towards the internal improvement of the Province. The sum of fifteen hundred pounds was granted for encouraging the intercourse between Quebec and Halifax, to be given as a premium or reward to the first Steam Packet of not less than five hundred tons burthen, that should run regularly between those ports.* An Act also was passed authorizing for the first time since the establishment of the Constitution, an enumeration and return of the Population of the Province. Some beneficial alterations were likewise made in the pre-existing laws of the Province.

The result of the Session gave general satisfaction, and it was hoped that the difficulties which heretofore had existed concerning the Civil List, or Expenditure of the Province, if not completely placed at rest, would be of easy adjustment upon the arrangement which had taken place by the Bill.

The administration of the Lieutenant Governor terminated, on the return, and reassumption of the Government by the Governor in Chief, who arrived at Quebec on the 16th September, in His Majesty's Yacht Herald, Captain Leeke. In this ship, the Lieutenant Governor, having previously obtained His Majesty's leave for the purpose, sailed for England on the 6th October, bearing with him the good will of the Province, and receiving from the inhabitants of Quebec and Montreal at the moment of his departure very flattering demonstrations of the esteem and respect they entertained for his person, and strong expressions of their satisfaction with his administration of the Government.

* The Legislature of Nova-Scotia met this appropriation with a corresponding spirit, immediately voting £750 for the same purpose. These votes have not however produced the intended effect, no steam vessel, having as yet (March 1829) undertaken to run between the ports of Quebec and Halifax.

Corrigendum.—In page 316, omit the second paragraph, being a repetition from page 307, by mistake.