

as they have possible power to perform : this is no more than doing justice to worthy men, and at the same time (whatever may be argued to the contrary) doing justice to the British Government. Here are liberality and economy working for one another's mutual interests.

“ Every care shall be taken with respect to the comfort of the contractors and their people : they will have places near the works (wherever these may be) whereon temporary buildings may be erected ; and the utmost assistance will be afforded by the Government to the erection of such buildings, so that every person will be safely sheltered, and no time lost in coming and going to the works. There shall be a subaltern's command of sixty soldiers always stationed near, that peace and quietness may be preserved ; as in a wilderness, like that through which the Rideau Canal has to pass, there is no protection to be had from the civil power. Surgeons shall be engaged, and furnished with medicines, for the benefit of the sick : as the swampy wilderness, and swampy waters, may sometimes create distempers. Plenty of spirits, and provisions of all sorts, with beds, blankets, mits, caps, shoes, &c. shall be always at hand, in the Government store, to answer whatever demands may come for such articles by the people on