

“ dented conduct of the Persons exercising the supreme power in
 “ France, who after deluging their own country with the blood of
 “ their fellow citizens, and imbruing their hands in that of their So-
 “ vereign, have forced His Majesty and the surrounding nations of Eu-
 “ rope into a contest which involves the first interests of Society. In
 “ this situation of public affairs I reflect with peculiar pleasure upon
 “ the Loyalty and faithful attachment of His Majesty's Subjects of this
 “ Province to His Royal Person, and to that form of Government we
 “ have the happiness to enjoy.

“ Mr. Speaker,

and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

“ The provision you have made for the payment of the Salaries of
 “ the Officers together with the contingent expences of both Houses
 “ of the Legislature, claims my best thanks, and furnishes a well foun-
 “ ded hope that, though the peculiar circumstances attending this your
 “ first Session has, for the present, excluded the great object of supply-
 “ ing more generally the medium of support to the exigencies of a suf-
 “ ficient and well regulated government, your next meeting may afford
 “ leisure for the mature consideration of this important subject, and
 “ be productive of such grants as will enable the executive power to
 “ create and maintain such colonial establishment as may be absolutely
 “ requisite to the general welfare of the Province.

“ Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

“ and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

“ The Laws that you have prepared, and to which I have given His
 “ Majesty's Assent, will afford relief to some of the objects that deman-
 “ ded immediate attention, and I persuade myself that those of a more
 “ important nature will receive your private reflection during the recess,
 “ and be the result of your mature deliberation at the next Session, par-
 “ ticularly that respecting the Courts of Judicature which has been
 “ so strongly recommended to your attention, and such further regula-
 “ tions as may appear necessary for the better organizing and more ef-
 “ fectually calling forth the Militia for the defence of this extensive
 “ and valuable country; when war or the evil disposition of our ene-
 “ mies, of any description shall make it necessary.

“ After so long an attendance on your public duties, it is reasonable
 “ to suppose that you must be anxious to return to your families, and as
 “ the advanced season of the year requires immediate attention to your

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