

*“ Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

“ I have directed the Public Accounts to be prepared and laid before you, and on this subject, I am happy to announce, that the Debt which existed at the time of your last Session has been discharged.

“ I invite your examination of the Public Expenditure, as such an investigation cannot but produce, in you, a full confidence in the just and economical application of such future supplies, in addition to the existing Revenue, as it may appear to you necessary to provide.

*“ Mr. President, and Gentlemen of the Council,*

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

“ The Season of Scarcity which has lately affected so many Countries, has to a certain degree, extended to this Island, so much so, that a restraint for a limited time became expedient, last Autumn, on the Exportation of certain articles of Provision; it has since been matter of anxious consideration whether it ought not to be continued in the Spring, and it was not without deliberate debate, that I hazarded the experiment of leaving export unrestrained, being desirous of aiding the necessities of the neighbouring Colony, and of encouraging the Agriculturist here, if that could be done consistent with prudence. Hitherto no serious evil has been experienced, and the Season is fast approaching, when through the Bounty of Divine Providence, it is to be hoped plenty will return.

“ The importance of Roads and Bridges for Communication in general, and the Conveyance of Agricultural Produce in particular, is obvious; every attention has been paid to them, that the very insufficient means the Colonial Revenue afforded the power of doing: it is superfluous to say, if they had been more ample, the Public would in that proportion have been more benefited.

“ The wants of the Colony are in all respects so well known to you that I shall on the present occasion forbear to mention any, leaving it to your own unbiased judgment to consider of, and propose all such salutary measures, as may appear to you likely to promote the general welfare.”

July 8th, 1817.

*Ordered, on Motion of Mr. Goff, seconded by Mr. Bagnall, that a Committee be appointed to draw up an Address in answer to His Excellency's Speech: Mr. Goff, Mr. Bagnall, Dr. M'Aulay, Mr. M'Neill, and Mr. Dockendorff, were accordingly appointed for that purpose.*

*Ordered, on Motion of Dr. M'Aulay, seconded by Mr. Goff, that a Committee be appointed to revise the Journals of the House, each day immediately after the adjournment thereof: Dr. M'Aulay, Mr. Goff, and Mr. Nelson, were appointed for that purpose.*

*Ordered, on Motion of Dr. M'Aulay, seconded by Mr. Nelson, that the Clerk do furnish his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, with a fair Copy of the Journals, each day as soon as possible, after the adjournment of the House, and that he also furnish the Printer with a fair Copy of the same.*

*Ordered, on Motion, of Mr. Bagnall, seconded by Mr. M'Neill, that the Speaker do direct the Serjeant at Arms, to call on LEMUEL CAMBRIDGE, Esq. and to require his attendance in this House.*

*Ordered, That the Clerk do notify the Chaplain, to attend the House, each day, as usual.*

Adjourned till 10 o'clock to-morrow.