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"I shall with as little delay as possible, cause to be laid before you, an account of the Provincial Revenue of the Crown, and of the Expenditure of the Civil Establishment during the last year, accompanied by such Statements and Returns as will enable you to judge of the resources of this rising Colony, and of the means which it possesses to provide for the Civil Expenditure of the Provincial Government, and to promote Internal Improvement, without the Imposition of Duties upon its Commerce or its Industry to an extent that can be felt as a burthen by its Inhabitants.

"Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

"Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

"Persuaded as I am of your devotion to the best of Sovereigns, and of your earnest desire to promote the general welfare of your fellow subjects, for whom you are called to legislate, I cannot but anticipate the most beneficial results from your proceedings.

"Although entering for the first time on the Administration of the Government, I have resided long enough in the Province to become personally acquainted with most of you, and it affords me the highest gratification to declare that I have not in any part of the King's Dominions, remarked a firmer attachment to His Majesty's Person and Government than I have observed in you individually; I have therefore the best ground to rely upon your collective exertions. I trust Gentlemen, that you will cordially unite for the purpose of doing away any difficulties which may heretofore have arisen, and for preventing by an amicable arrangement of the Financial Concerns of this Province, the recurrence of such difficulties in future.

"The abundance of the late Harvest, and the increasing prosperity of the Province, are subjects of heartfelt congratulation to us all; a state of greater tranquillity cannot well be imagined than that which we now enjoy; and both the kind Dispensations of Providence, and the fostering care of a paternal Government, hold out to you the strongest encouragement to pursue, in your legislative capacity, such a course, as may best secure the present, and promote the future happiness of your