

# PROVINCIAL REGISTER,

## LOWER CANADA.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

**TO HIS EXCELLENCY ALURED CLARKE, ESQUIRE,**  
*Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Lower Canada, and Major General, Commanding His Majesty's Forces in North America, &c. &c. &c.*

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

**W**E His Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Legislative Council of *Lower Canada*, convened in Assembly, cannot suppress a Declaration of the Sentiments excited in our Breasts, by the Intimation, that the Persons who now exercise the Supreme Power in France, have denounced Hostilities against our Sovereign.

WE thank Your Excellency for the early Communication of Intelligence so necessary to the Preparatives due to our own and the common Safety, and to the support of a King, whose uninterrupted Beneficence to this Country, adds to the Obligations upon all His Subjects, to the utmost of their power, to defend and promote the Stability of His Throne and the Glory of His Reign.

BE assured, Sir, that we shall neglect nothing, to co-operate for the Common Protection, against the Malignity of that Misrule in France, which after plunging the French Nation, into Miseries, daily drawing Tears of Pity from the Eye of Humanity, is seeking to spread its baneful Influence upon the surrounding Kingdoms.

IN resisting that Design, we persuade ourselves that the War now commencing on our Part, is most indubitably that War of Defence, which the Righteous God of Armies will approve and succeed.

AND we beseech Your Excellency to lay this earnest, sincere and dutiful Declaration at the Foot of the King's Throne, that we are ready to devote our Fortunes and our Lives in a War so clearly justified, by all the Principles and Motives of Gratitude and affection to His Majesty, His Family and Government, as well as a Regard to our own and National Safety; and which may eventually be conducive to the Comfort of that very People who under the Pretext of diffusing to others a Felicity not possessed by themselves, or propagating Notions by the Sword, in Disturbance of the Tranquillity and subversive of the Happiness of all the rest of the World.

*SIGNED by Order of the House—Bishop's Palace at Quebec,  
 1st May, 1793.*

(Signed) WM. SMITH, Speaker.

### HIS EXCELLENCY'S ANSWER.

MR. SPEAKER, AND GENTLEMEN OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL,

**I** Receive with the highest Satisfaction an Address so replete with Sentiments of Loyalty, Affection, Duty and Gratitude to Our Most Gracious and Beneficent SOVEREIGN, The Declaration and Example of Characters filling so worthily