

The Revenues to be given up, taken upon the Average of the Two last Years, amount to £38,125 Currency; and the Amount of the Civil List, according to the Estimate herewith transmitted, amounts to £19,500.

It is not, however, necessary to call upon the Legislature to grant the whole Sum of £19,500, inasmuch as by the Provincial Act of the 35 Geo. 3. the Sum of £5,000 is permanently granted towards the Maintenance of the Civil Government; the moderate Sum of £14,500 is therefore all that is deemed necessary to ask for the Completion of the proposed Arrangement.

It is proposed that the Duration of the Civil List should be for the Life of His Majesty. It is hoped that the Arrangements thus detailed will be received in the Spirit in which they are dictated—a Spirit of Conciliation and Confidence.

His Majesty is prepared to surrender a large and increasing Revenue; He asks, in return, for a fixed and moderate Civil List, much less in Amount than the Revenue given up; and the Settlement of this long agitated Question will be deemed by His Majesty one of the happiest Events of His Reign, the Glory of which (the People of Canada may be assured) will be, the Promotion of the Happiness and Content of all Classes of His Subjects in every Quarter of the Globe.

The Governor in Chief having thus obeyed the Commands he has received, in making the foregoing Communication to the <sup>Legislative Council,</sup> <sub>House of Assembly,</sub> desires to add, that if in the course of their Proceedings in this important Question they should deem it expedient to require Explanations from him on the Subject of it, he will at all Times be ready to afford such Explanations, and he will moreover most willingly supply any further Information they may desire to have, to the utmost Extent compatible with his Duty to his Sovereign.

Castle of St. Lewis, }  
Quebec, 23d Feb. 1831. }

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