

people, astonished at his perseverance and the labours which he had undertaken to benefit the Province, poured out their blessings upon him as he passed along. Little did we think that this illustrious man had so nearly run his race, and that his days were determined.—Death chose the moment of security to destroy our hopes—the voice of lamentation is heard in our streets, and not a common lamentation, for our cruel enemy has, in dreadful triumph, blasted the fairest prospects which the Provinces ever beheld.

His life was becoming every hour more precious to his people, from the benefits which he was conferring upon them, and his unexpected death is embittered to us from the conviction that he sacrificed himself by his eagerness to do us good.

Alas! we were congratulating ourselves on the advantages which would result from the more intimate union of counsels and interests which might be confidently looked for from the near connexion subsisting between his Grace and our Lieutenant Governor, more especially as the former had shewn an energy of character and a desire to be acquainted with every part of his command, far beyond what any former Governor in Chief had ever done; for which of them attempted so long and dangerous a journey as he actually accomplished?

Possessing a wonderful vigour of mind, the fatigues of his long voyage were despised or disregarded, and when he arrived at Kingston, he determined to complete his journey by viewing the Military Settlements. This was on many accounts the most dangerous part of his expedition; for the weather, which had for a long time been uncommonly warm, seemed still to increase in heat, and the roads, owing to the wild state of the country, were not only extremely bad, but frequently impracticable on horseback, and only to be passed through in many places by walking nearly to the middle in marshy ground.

On the second day after leaving Kingston, the Duke arrived at Perth; next morning he went through the Settlement for several miles, to view the improvements, walking to his ancles in mud and water. During this excursion, a very heavy shower of rain came on, by which he was entirely drenched, for he refused an umbrella which had been offered him by one of his attendants.

Not finding himself so well as usual next morning, he re-