

" Such other particulars, of minor importance, as may appear to require your attention, shall, in the course of the Session, be communicated by Message.

*" Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

" The Treasurer's Accounts, and such other documents as may be requisite for your information, shall, without loss of time, be laid before you. From these, the necessity of your particular attention to the state of the Treasury, will be apparent.

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" The glorious termination of the late eventful war, attended, in its course and in its result, with circumstances, to which the annals of history afford no parallel, is now a subject of universal congratulation; but to every *British subject*, especially, it is a theme of high and laudable exultation. We cannot but feel our joy, on this great occasion, mingled with the deepest emotions of gratitude to that merciful Providence, by which HIS MAJESTY'S Arms, and the Councils of his Government, have been crowned with such unexampled success; and by which Great-Britain has been placed at the head of Christian nations. Her invincible perseverance in opposing, by her single arm, for a time, the torrent of desolation which had overwhelmed a great part of Europe, was, at length, seconded, with adequate energy, by those Allies, who, by her glorious example, had been brought into a field, forever memorable, where tyranny and usurpation were finally laid prostrate, and Peace was restored to the world. Nor have the triumphs of Britain, been less conspicuous, in the display of her moral and religious character---she has led the Powers of Europe to decree the abolition of the Slave Trade, and she has given a salutary chastisement to one of those African states which had, too long, been suffered to enslave every Captive that fell into their hands.

" Britain has also led the way in an enterprise of incalculable importance,---the diffusion of the Holy Scriptures, in their various languages, to the remotest nations.

" Briefly, to advert to this inexhaustible topic, could not fail to be suggested, as fit and seasonable on the present occasion,---the reflections which it must excite in every loyal breast, will give fresh animation to the zeal and public spirit of the Legislature of New-Brunswick.

" In our immediate local concerns, I have to congratulate with you on the final decision of the Commissioners respecting the Islands in our neighbourhood. Moose Island, with two other Islets, to us, of no consideration, are ceded to the United States; and the very important Island of Grand-Manan, is definitively secured to this Province. I look forward to consequences, of no small utility, which may be confidently expected from the new military settlement on the line of Communication with Canada, by the disbanded Soldiers of the Regiments raised in this Province---and I presume that you will also find reason to anticipate peculiar benefits resulting from the foundations, which have here been laid, for extending and improving the education of the rising generation.

" On this occasion I should not speak of myself, did I not feel anxious to express to you, how highly I appreciate the appointment it has pleased His Royal Highness the PRINCE REGENT to confer on me in this Province, not only as implying a gracious approbation of my past conduct here, but also, as affording me further opportunities of endeavouring to contribute to the prosperity of a Colony in which the measures, heretofore suggested by me, have uniformly met with the most flattering consideration and cordial support."

On motion, resolved, that an humble Address be presented to His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, in answer to the foregoing Speech.

Ordered, that Mr. Millidge, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Peters and Mr. Smith, be a Committee to prepare the same.