

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council :

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Assembly :

I HAVE convened you as early as the transactions under the Grants of the last year, and the Accounts connected therewith, could be liquidated, and arranged in a sufficiently distinct manner, for your satisfactory information.

It affords me much gratification in acquainting you, that, under Divine favor, and the blessing of continued Peace, the Province is steadily proceeding in improvement.

THE Grain Crops of last Season did not, indeed, in some Districts, harvest so abundantly as was anticipated from early appearances, owing to the unfavorable weather during the latter part of the season ; but there is no apprehension of any want from that circumstance, which we cannot expect to be always exempted from in a climate so variable as ours.

THE Fisheries have been more successful than for some years past, and the quality of cured Fish very much improved ; and our Commerce, notwithstanding the intercourse with some of our Western and Northern Districts, has, of late, taken a direction different from its wonted course, has been carried on elsewhere with a spirit of enterprise and perseverance, that does credit to those engaged in it, and is evidently increasing.

OUR ordinary Revenue has therefore rather exceeded that of the preceding year ; and that which is collected under the Acts of the 3d and 4th of His present Majesty, has augmented considerably, and has been punctually paid into the Treasury.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Assembly :

I HAVE ordered the Public Accounts to be prepared, and submitted for your inspection without delay.

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THE whole, or nearly all, of the extensive Appropriations of the last Session of Assembly, have been acted upon conformable to Law, with the exception of the sum placed at the disposal of the LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR for supporting English Schools. His Excellency, with his accustomed promptness of attention to all his public duties, immediately after the recess, called for such information from the different Counties and Districts, as appeared to him necessary to aid his judgment in applying this Grant in the most effectual and beneficial manner. Before His Excellency embarked for England, sufficient reports had been received to satisfy his mind, that the wants of the Settlements as reported were of such extent that no system he could adopt for the application of the Money would prove satisfactory.

HE, therefore, recommended, that until a system could be devised for promoting this object, commensurate with the resources of the Province, and a due regard to other Public Services, it should be suspended until such a system could be deliberately matured. I shall direct the Secretary of the Province to lay before you for perusal the various reports that have been received on that subject.

I HAVE nothing specially in charge to be submitted for your consideration ; but such matters as may occur, which may be necessary for your information, I shall communicate by Message in the course of the Session.

RELYING on your usual liberality in providing for the respectable support of His Majesty's Government, and for other necessary Public Services, I have only to recommend harmony in your proceedings, and dispatch in carrying on the business of the Session ; as it is obvious that protracted sittings of the Legislature must be inconvenient to all, and cannot but interfere with the attention