

It is with sincere pleasure, that during this awful period of public affairs, I can congratulate you on the flourishing state of the Agriculture and Trade of this Province; which, daily gaining strength, rapidly advances to that prosperity, which is the natural result of those sources of industry, and beneficial intercourse with our fellow subjects, that mutually support and strengthen each other.

The Treasurer of the Province has my commands, to submit for your information, a state of the Revenue, with an account of the Receipts and Expenditures, since the last Session; from which the prosperous situation of our Finances will appear; and it gives me peculiar satisfaction to find, that our Resources will enable me to pursue, upon a more extensive scale, those measures, which I consider so essential to the permanent interests and prosperity of the Province.

I am now able, from my own observation, as well as the information I have received from those employed on that service, to call your particular attention to the Public Roads; in the hope that I shall be enabled the ensuing year, to have a free communication open to the Capital, from all parts of the Province, and to model the Roads according to that form, which experience has proved to be most useful and permanent.

For those purposes, I have caused an Estimate to be made, of the sums of money necessary to be appropriated to that service, the ensuing year, which the Secretary will, by my orders, present to you: Together with Estimates for the Civil Establishment of the Government, and such other public services, as I consider necessary to be provided for, in this Session.

The Agriculture, Trade, and Fisheries of the Province, having manifestly improved, under the system hitherto pursued, I recommend a continuance of the same, for the ensuing year.

If, in the course of your deliberations, any other Services, not comprehended in the Estimates I have directed to be laid before you, should, in your opinion, be necessary to the further prosperity and welfare of the Country, I shall give a ready and serious attention, to whatever you may think proper to submit for my consideration.

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly;—*

The experience I have had of your wisdom and liberality, in making adequate provision for the support of His Majesty's Government, and the ready attention you have given to such other exigencies, which, it has been my duty to point out, gives me a perfect reliance, on your continuing the same good disposition, in the present Session.

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

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:—*

The measures adopted by the Legislature, for establishing an efficient Militia, have been carried into effect, under my orders; and I have much satisfaction in informing you, they have been attended with the happiest success; I therefore, recommend to you the continuing of those Laws, with such amendments as experience may point out.

Sensible of the great personal inconvenience, which a protracted Session, at this advanced period of the year, would be to you all: I have been particularly anxious, that the Public Accounts, and Estimates, of every kind, should be ready for you,