

COMMUNICATION

FROM

The GOVERNOR of CANADA to the LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY of LOWER CANADA, recommending a final Arrangement of the Finance of that Province relating to the Administration of Justice in the Province.

AYLMER, Governor in Chief.

THE Governor in Chief has received from the Secretary of State for the Colonial Department His Majesty's Commands to make the following Communication to the ^{Legislative Council,} House of Assembly, with a view to the final Adjustment of the Question of Finance, which has so long engaged the Attention of the Legislature of this Province.

His Majesty, taking into consideration the best Mode of contributing to the Prosperity and Contentment of His faithful Subjects of the Province of Lower Canada, places at the Disposal of the Legislature all His Majesty's Interest in those Taxes which are now levied in the Province by virtue of different Acts of the British Parliament, and which are appropriated by the Treasury, under His Majesty's Commands, together with all Fines and Forfeitures levied under the Authority of such Acts. His Majesty, relying on the Liberality and Justice of the Legislature of Lower Canada, invites them to consider the Propriety of making some settled Provision for such Portion of the Expences of the Civil Government of the Province as may, upon Examination, appear to require an Arrangement of a more permanent Nature than those Supplies which it belongs to the Legislature to determine by annual Votes. His Majesty has directed to be prepared, and laid before the ^{Council,} House, an Estimate of the Sums required for that Purpose; and in directing the Preparation of that Estimate His Majesty has been guided by a Wish, never absent from His Heart, to call upon His faithful Subjects for no other Supply than such as may appear to be required for the due Execution of those Services which it is proposed to charge upon the Civil List.

His Majesty concedes the Disposal of these Revenues with cordial good Will, and cannot doubt that it will be met with a reciprocal Feeling by the ^{Legislative Council.} Representatives of an attached and loyal People.