

His Excellency's speech.

graciously pleased to offer her Royal mediation for the settlement of those differences between the Council and the House of Assembly, which last year unfortunately prevented the passing of any Appropriation Act.

I feel confident that an adoption of the measures suggested by her Majesty will obviate similar misunderstandings in future, and afford the best means of securing a satisfactory application of the public funds.

My remarks at the opening of the last session respecting the Acts for the relief of disabled Seamen, Fishermen, and other persons, and for the encouragement of Education, I beg once more to offer to your consideration ; I must, also, renew the recommendation, to your favour and protection, of the Hospital at River-head, the benefit of that institution having become more and more apparent.

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

I shall immediately transmit to you copies of despatches in answer to your late addresses to her Majesty, or to her Majesty's Government.

In consequence of the peculiar and painful incident attendant on the prorogation I have found myself compelled during the recess to assume the responsibility of issuing Warrants for such sums as were indispensably necessary for the administration of Justice—for the reception and support of pauper patients in the Hospital—and for the relief of the poor in cases of extreme destitution.

The way in which I have done this will, I hope, be found entirely consistent with the respect due to the Legislature, and to the undoubted privileges of the House.

The deficiency of Seed Potatoes, owing to the scanty crop and early frost in 1837, was placed under my observation in such a manner as rendered it impossible for me to withhold considerable assistance in alleviation of a want so serious and so pressing and which might otherwise have occasioned results in the highest degree calamitous.

The Estimates for the approaching financial year, shall be prepared without delay. Those for the year about to expire are already in your possession.

It is, I am sure, unnecessary to enforce the expediency of my being promptly enabled to pay up the fixed salaries, and to discharge the various outstanding claims upon the Government.

I am desirous to recal your attention to my former suggestion as to the propriety of making provision for a Stipendiary Magistrate at the Burgeo Islands, and I would propose a like arrangement for La Poile, a place apparently of increasing importance and where the recent appointment of a Custom-House Officer has proved advantageous to the Revenue.

My recommendation for the establishment of a Colonial Vessel I must also earnestly repeat, and I shall lay before you a letter from her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State bearing upon this in conjunction with other important matter.

The defective state of the Gaol and Court-House of this town has been frequently brought to your notice.

It is hardly requisite for me to mention that the Revenue Act unless extended will cease on the 18th November next.