

*To the Tenantry and the other Inhabitants
of the Island of Prince Edward.*

THE affairs of the Island have now reached a crisis. It is admitted that they are in a state of lamentable embarrassment and confusion. In consequence of the improper publication by the King's printer of a private circular addressed to the proprietors, by his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, which he intended only for their own eyes, and of the use made of it by persons who have an interest in agitation, the dormant question of escheat has been revived; the payment of rents has been resisted; the sheriff has been assaulted in the execution of his duty; strangers entering Belfast, because suspected to be bailiffs, have been fired at by a mob; public meetings have been held, inflammatory resolutions have been passed, and addresses, got up in the same spirit, presented to the Lieutenant Governor. An Island blessed with a fertile soil, a favorable climate, excellent harbours, free fisheries, and a healthy and active population,—with every requisite, in short, to make a country prosperous and a people contented and happy,—has been placed in such a position that the rights of property are endangered, the peace of society disturbed, and an exigency created in which the authority of the Government must soon be exer-