

to my Speech on the opening of the Provincial Parliament in February last, in order that they might be laid before His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, I have since received the express commands of His Royal Highness, to thank you in his name, for the assurances of support and attachment which they contain, and to acquaint you, that His Royal Highness "places that confidence in the courage and loyalty of His Majesty's Canadian Subjects, which makes him equally fearless of "the result of any direct attack upon them, and of any insidious attempts to alienate their affection from His Government."

I take also great pleasure in acquainting you, that the measure of the issue of Army Bills, for the circulation of which you so promptly and liberally provided during your last Session, has been attended with the happiest effects, both by powerfully aiding His Majesty's Government to meet the extraordinary demands of the present crisis, and by materially facilitating commercial transactions. The experience of four months having fully shewn the utility of this measure, I recommend to your consideration the adoption of such further regulations and provisions respecting it, as, upon a review of the Act passed upon this head, and of the present circumstances of the Country, may appear to be necessary.

I have according to the powers vested in me by the Legislature, called forth the Militia to assist in the defence of this Province; and I have, with the greatest and most cheering satisfaction, been myself a witness of that public spirit, that steady ardour, and that love of their country, their Religion, and their Laws, which they have manifested on this occasion; and which by animating and uniting all classes of his Majesty's subjects, cannot fail under the blessing of Divine Providence, to make us safe at home, and respected abroad.

At the same time that I bear this willing testimony to the cheerfulness and alacrity with which the Militia Laws have been obeyed, I am induced to call your attention to a partial revision of those laws, and to the necessity of making them more effectual in some cases, for the purposes for which they were passed, and better suited to the exigencies of the times.