

“ in its defence upon any sudden emergency, however apparently unnecessary it may be to anticipate such a call in our present state of Peace.

“ The great advantages resulting to every Country, from those habits of temperance, industry and loyalty, in the people at large, which are generally the result of an early, and well directed education, are so obvious, that I need not press this important subject on your consideration.

“ There are few things which will more essentially contribute to the speedy and permanent settlement of the Province than the establishment of good Roads ; this object, therefore, will, I have no doubt, meet with your cordial support ; in the mode, however, hitherto pursued, of appropriating Monies for this purpose, there is reason to apprehend that the Sums voted have not been so productive as they might have been under different arrangements, and I therefore recommend the adopting some general plan, which your wisdom and experience will point out, for giving greater effect to any future grants for this service.

“ With the establishment of Roads is intimately connected the improvement of the navigation of our Rivers, not only as it concerns the general convenience and advantage of the Inhabitants, but also as the means of facilitating and extending the Commerce of the Province.

*“ Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

“ The Treasurer’s account, and such other documents as may be necessary for your information, shall be laid before you ; by these you will find that the flourishing state of our Commerce, and the consequent increase of the Revenue, have been such as to put into your hands ample means of laying a foundation for great and permanent improvements, in points intimately connected with the future prosperity of the Province.

*“ Gentlemen of the Council, and  
“ Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

“ After a contest so long and arduous, so obstinate and sanguinary, as hardly to have a parallel, a contest in which the nation, to which it is our pride and happiness to belong, has borne a most distinguished part, Europe at length reposes in a secure and honorable Peace.

“ During the continuance of our long warfare, the successes of the Enemy have at times been such as to excite the most serious apprehensions ; but a final stroke was given to his illegitimate power in the great and mighty Battle of Waterloo---a Battle fought by our matchless HERO, the DUKE of WELLINGTON, and in which most sanguinary contest, the bravery and discipline of the Army under his command were eminently conspicuous ; and while, with the deepest feeling of thankfulness, we acknowledge the signal mercies that have been vouchsafed to us, amidst surrounding desolation, let us not forget the brave men, by whose unexampled exertions, under DIVINE PROVIDENCE, the glory of the British Nation has been raised to such a brilliant height, and the best interest of mankind so nobly preserved.

“ It must be truly gratifying to every generous mind to witness the promptitude, with which the nation has stepped forward, to relieve, by their liberality ; in the only way practicable, the sufferings of those brave Men who have survived, and the Families of those who fell in the Field of Battle. In so laudable an exertion of Patriotism, I trust this loyal Province will not be surpassed by any part of the King’s Dominions.

“ I sincerely congratulate you upon the increasing prosperity of the Province, which, while other Countries have been groaning under the distresses incident to war, has been wholly exempted from any of those calamities ; and when we consider that, under the favor of DIVINE PROVIDENCE, it is to the British Constitution that we are principally indebted for the many advantages we now

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