

“ An Act to continue and amend an Act passed in the twentieth year of His Majesty’s Reign intituled an Ordinance for regulating all such persons as keep horses and carriages to let and hire for the accommodation of Travellers commonly called and known by the name of *Maitres de Poste*.”

“ An Act to provide Returning Officers for Knights Citizens and Burgeffes to serve in Assembly.”

Then Mr. Speaker addressed His Excellency in the following words:

“ May it please Your Excellency,

—“ **T**O approve of the Bill which the Assembly with the concurrence of the Legislative Council have passed intituled  
 “ *An Act to establish a fund for paying the Salaries of the Officers of the Legislative Council and Assembly, and for defraying the contingent expenses thereof.*”

“ The honor I have of being at this moment the Organ of the Assembly, gives me that of assuring His Majesty in its behalf, that the Assembly will be constantly disposed to grant him all the assistance in its power necessary for the support and glory of His Crown.

“ The condescension and mildness of Your Excellency’s Administration in this Province and the confidence the Assembly have therein, is the only reason for the smallness of the supply, (the burthen of which they have endeavoured to throw upon those in affluence) until an opportunity will permit them to manifest their zeal by a more efficacious aid, if by a further knowledge of the State of the Province they see the necessity or the benefit that might arise therefrom.”

And having delivered the Bill—

His Excellency was pleased to reply—

“ In His Majesty’s name, I assent to this Bill and thank His Loyal Subjects representing the People of Lower Canada for the aid it affords.”

After which His Excellency was pleased to make the following most gracious Speech to both Houses, *videlicet*.

“ Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,

“ and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

“ **A**T the first meeting of the Legislature I congratulated you upon the flattering prospects which opened to your view, and upon the flourishing and tranquil state of the British Empire then at peace with all the world ; since that period I am sorry to find its tranquility has been disturbed by the unjustifiable and unprecedented