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Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

THE events which marked the close of last session of the Provincial Parliament have occasioned your being convened at this unusual season of the year.

The Address on the state of the province then voted to His Majesty by the House of Assembly having been laid at the foot of the Throne, I feel it my duty to avail myself of the earliest opportunity of communicating the answer which His Majesty has been graciously pleased to return thereto. I shall therefore transmit a copy of it, in the usual way, to the House of Assembly; and shall, at the same time, in obedience to the King's express commands, place before both Houses the instructions under which I assumed the government of this province, as well as those addressed to myself and my colleagues in the Royal Commission.

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

In compliance with the injunctions of His Majesty, I have again to recommend to your attention the estimates for the current year, and also the accounts, showing the arrears due in respect for the civil government, which were laid before you during the last session. The King has observed that you were induced, in that session, to grant the supplies only for six months, and to prefer the complaints contained in your Address, apparently in consequence of the publication of a few detached passages from the instructions to which I have alluded, and of inferences drawn from them, which a knowledge of their entire contents must be expected to remove. His Majesty thinks it therefore but just that you should not be held to be committed to a course adopted under a misconception, but should have an opportunity of reconsidering your conclusions with the full information as to the views and intentions of His Government, which you will derive from the perusal of the whole of the documents to be laid before you; and he trusts that upon your becoming acquainted with their general tenor and spirit you will accede to the application which I made to you at the commencement of the last session, and which I am commanded now to renew, for payment of the arrears due on account of the public service, and for the funds necessary to carry on the civil government of the province.

That the business of government cannot be carried on successfully whilst the salaries of the public servants remain unpaid, is too obvious, I hope, to leave room for a suspicion on the mind of any one that, in making this renewed demand for the liquidation of these just claims, either His Majesty's Ministers in England, or I, who bear his delegated authority in this province, can have any object in view separate from the public good.

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As this meeting of the Legislature has been convened for the purposes I have already mentioned, and as a prolonged absence from your homes at this particular season of the year may be attended with inconvenience to you, it is not my present intention to recommend any other matters to your consideration. I cannot, however, refrain from congratulating you on the summer having passed away without any signs of epidemical disease, for which we ought to feel deeply thankful, nor from publicly expressing my gratification at the reception I everywhere met with in my recent visits to different parts of the province.

It is to me matter of the highest satisfaction to know that the exposition which I made to you at our first meeting of the views and policy of His Majesty's Ministers towards this country, and of the principles which should guide me in the administration of its affairs, is fully borne out by the documents I shall lay before you, and has met with the approbation of my Sovereign. From the day I entered on my arduous duties, I have, to the very utmost of my ability, acted up to the principles I professed; nor have I ever ceased to remember that the two first objects of my government were, the removal of abuses, and the reconciliation of opposing parties. By caution, by forbearance, and by the exercise of what I believe to be a liberal policy, I have sought to promote the welfare of the country, and to gain your confidence. If I succeed in this latter object, I shall rejoice at it, principally because it will afford me the means of doing the greater good; and if I fail of success, I shall always be consoled by the consciousness of having laboured earnestly to deserve it.

Castle of St. Lewis, Quebec, 22 Sept. 1836.

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To His Excellency the Right Honourable *Archibald* Earl of *Gosford*, Baron Worlingham of Beccles, &c. &c.

May it please your Excellency,

WE, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Legislative Council of Lower Canada, in Provincial Parliament assembled, beg leave to return our humble thanks for your speech from the throne, and we conceive that the present state of the province and the events which marked the close of the last session of the Provincial Parliament, fully justify your Excellency in having called us together at this unusual season of the year.

We participate in the general interest which must be produced by the answer of His Majesty to the Address of the House of Assembly on the state of the province; and we shall

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