

in the Estimate and Appropriation Act of the Province, by which he is deprived of his allowances aforesaid ; and praying relief.

*Ordered*, That the petition do lie on the table to be perused by the Members of the House.

A message from his Honor the President, by Mr. Secretary George :

Mr. Speaker,

His Honor the President requires this House to attend his Honor immediately in the Council Chamber.

Accordingly, Mr. Speaker with the House, went up to attend his Honor in the Council Chamber.

And being returned,

Mr. Speaker reported that the House had attended his Honor in the Council Chamber, where his Honor had been pleased to make a Speech, of which Mr. Speaker said he had, to prevent mistakes, obtained a copy, which he read to the House, and is as follows :

*Mr. President, and Gentlemen of his Majesty's Council,*

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.*

**H**IS Majesty having signified his pleasure, that, during the absence of his Excellency Sir GEORGE PREVOST, on a military service, the government of this province should devolve upon me, I have called you together to communicate to you such his Majesty's instructions, and my acceptance of the important trust.

Anxious as I must feel, to perform the duties of this administration to his Majesty's satisfaction, and to the benefit of the Province, it cannot but afford me a subject of great consolation, that this event has taken place at a period when my imperfect abilities may be assisted by the united wisdom of the two great Legislative Councils, at this time assembled.—Though, in the execution of this office, I may perhaps, receive some aid from the habitual attention, to the transactions of nations, and to the British laws and constitution, to which my professional studies have been necessarily directed, and though I may have acquired some little knowledge and experience in the concerns of this country during a considerable residence here ; yet, I shall ever consider, that the surest grounds of information, and the safest rules for my governance, are to be derived from your advice and suggestions. In what must depend upon my own efforts, I shall endeavour, with the most heartfelt zeal, and unremitting application, to promote the honor of his Majesty's Government, and the safety, prosperity and happiness of the Province, in a systematic combination with the good of the whole United British Empire ; with which the best interests of every particular part are equally and inseparably connected.

The flattering picture of political affairs in general, and the encouraging statement of the increased revenues, agriculture, fisheries, and commerce of this Province, which were laid before you by his Excellency at the commencement of the Session, and the proper objects which were then pointed out to your attention, to give permanency to those improvements, render it unnecessary for me to say any thing upon those topics.

The present aspect of the subsisting hostilities, and of our various national relations, and the probability that the Government of the United States will be ultimate-