

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

“I have given directions that the Accounts of the Receipts and of the Expenditure of the past year, and a detailed Statement of the Receipts and Payments of the current year up to the opening of the present Session, should be laid before you. I trust that you will find that the Estimates of Expenditure for the current year have been prepared with as strict a regard to economy as is consistent with the requirements of the Public Service.

*“ Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,*

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

“Having every confidence in your loyalty and in your devotion to the Public Service, I feel assured that your deliberations will tend to the advancement of the public good.”