

the practice which has too long prevailed, of including in the same Bill of Supply, matters which have not been recommended, with those which have---and things also entirely of a different nature, thereby precluding me from that separate consideration of those matters, which, as a distinct Branch of the Legislature, I ought to possess. I had indulged a hope, that your attention would have been so given to these objects, as to relieve me from my present embarrassment.

" No claim can be more justly founded, that that of a right in each of the three Branches of the Legislature, to a distinct and separate consideration of all matters previously to their passing into a Law. The adherence to which principle is necessary to the preservation of our Constitution.

" Errors will find their way into Institutions in their incipient state, and are frequently allowed to pass without correction, until productive of serious mischief. And I must press upon your attention, the expediency of eradicating as early as possible, the few remaining errors in our Legislative system---they will easily be discovered, by a comparison with the Parliamentary forms and usages of the Mother Country; and a close adherence to the Governor's commission and instruction, which together with such Laws as have been ratified from time to time, form the Constitution of the Colony.

" Feeling confident that at a future Session, this subject will be reconsidered with that attention which its importance demands: Aware also how much inconvenience would be felt by the loss of the Appropriation Bill, I am induced by such considerations, as well as the ardent desire I possess of promoting the welfare and happiness of this flourishing Province, to yield my assent to the present Bill, although it has not my unqualified approbation.

" At the same time, candour obliges me to inform you, that I should not have felt justified in doing this, without a determination to avail myself of the controul I possess, of suspending the issue of warrants for such services, as I cannot approve, until otherwise instructed.

" *Gentlemen of the Council,*

" *and Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

" Your assiduous attention to the public business throughout a long Session, demands my thanks.

" The provisions of many of the Acts which have been passed, are important, and will, I trust, be productive of very beneficial consequences."

And that the Honourable Mr. Justice Saunders, then said,

" *Gentlemen of the Council,*

" *and Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

" It is His Excellency the *Lieutenant-Governor's* will and pleasure, that this General Assembly be prorogued to the first Wednesday in June next, and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued to the first Wednesday in June next."