

ral appropriations you had made for the defence of the Province, and for ameliorating the situation of the Militia; and I regret, that in sacrificing these desirable objects, you should have been swayed by any considerations which seemed to you of higher importance than the immediate security of the Country, or the comfort of those engaged in its protection.

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

The pacific rumours which have prevailed since I last addressed you, not affording any certain ground for belief that Peace is at hand, our vigorous and united exertions will still be required to maintain the decided ascendancy with which the Divine Providence has been pleased to bless our efforts in the present contest; I therefore earnestly entreat you to impress by your precept and example, on all around you, a respect for the Laws by which they are governed, as well as a just confidence in those who administer and execute them, and to cherish and encourage that spirit of loyalty and attachment to His Majesty's Person and Government, which has hitherto proved the firmest barrier against all the attempts of the enemy.

As the period fixed by law for the duration of the Provincial Parliament will shortly expire, I shall avail myself of an early opportunity to recur to the sense of the people, for the election of a new House of Assembly. It is therefore my earnest recommendation to you, to endeavor in your several stations, to give to the Inhabitants of this Province, a true idea of the nature and value of the Constitution which they possess;—that in the choice of their Representatives, their attention may be directed to those, who, duly estimating its advantages, will endeavor faithfully to uphold it, and thereby effectually to promote the safety, welfare and prosperity of the Province.

Then the Honorable Mr. Hale said :

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

It is the Will and Pleasure of His Excellency the Governor in Chief, that this Provincial Parliament be Prorogued until Thursday the Seventh Day of April next, to be then here held, and this Provincial Parliament is hereby prorogued accordingly until Thursday the Seventh Day of April next.