

His Excellency said yesterday at his interview with Mr. *Brown*. The portion having reference to the prorogation or adjournment of the Parliament, is important in determining the propriety of the course to be pursued.

His Excellency therefore requests Mr. *Brown* to communicate the memorandum to his future colleagues, in order to avoid all misapprehension hereafter.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
Toronto, August 1, 1858.

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Memorandum.

His Excellency the Governor General wishes Mr. *Brown* to consider this memorandum and communicate it to the gentlemen whose names he proposes to submit to His Excellency, as members of the new Government.

The Governor General gives *no pledge or promise, express or implied, with reference to dissolving Parliament.*

When advice is tendered to His Excellency on this subject, he will make up his mind according to the circumstances then existing, and the reasons then laid before him.

The Governor General has no objection to prorogue the Parliament without the Members of the new Administration taking their seats in the present session. But if he does so, it ought, His Excellency thinks, to be on an express understanding that Parliament shall meet again as soon as possible—say in November or December. Until the new Ministers meet Parliament, His Excellency has no assurance that they possess the confidence of the majority of the House. The business transacted in the interval ought, in his opinion, to be confined to matters necessary for the ordinary administration of the Government of the Province.

If Parliament is prorogued, His Excellency would think it very desirable that the Bill for the Registration of Voters, and that containing the prohibition of Fraudulent Assignments and gifts by traders, should be proceeded with and become law—subject of course to such modifications as the wisdom of either House may suggest. Besides this, any items of supply absolutely necessary, should be provided for by a vote of credit, and the money for the repairs of the Canals which cannot be postponed, should be voted.

His Excellency can hardly prorogue until these necessary steps are taken. If Parliament merely adjourns until after the re-election of the Members of the Government, the case is different, and the responsibility is on the House itself.—A prorogation is the act of His Excellency, and in this particular case such act would be performed without the advice of ministers who had already received the confidence of Parliament. His Excellency's own opinion would be in favor