

20th September, 1834.

SIR THOMAS JOHN COCHRANE, KNIGHT, Governor.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Assembly;

The arrangement you have made to meet the exigencies of the public service will, I hope, prove equal to your expectations; at the same time I shall use my best endeavours to avoid the necessity of recurring to the expedient which you have provided; and I trust, (unless some unforeseen emergency shall arise) that by a strict and rigorous economy I shall be able to do so, until you shall again be assembled in this place.

*Honorable Gentlemen,
and Gentlemen;*

It has been my painful duty to announce to you, that the disease known by the name of the Asiatic Cholera, has recently visited the neighbouring Province of Nova Scotia; and although every means will be resorted to, which, under Divine favor, may be deemed proper to exclude it from these shores; yet experience has proved, that in many other Countries no human means have at all times proved successful in that respect.

It is therefore my earnest recommendation to you that you do each, within the influence of your advice or controul, use your best endeavours to prepare for a calamity which we may not be able to avert—that you will enjoin cleanliness, where, I am afraid, that requisite to health and comfort is too much neglected—and that you will, by all means, impress upon the lower orders in your vicinity how essential temperance and sobriety are as a prevention to the approach of this fatal disease, or as a means of overcoming it when unhappily under its influence—and that in every Country which has unfortunately fallen under its scourge, inebriety and dissolute conduct, and the neglect of cleanly habits, have afforded by far the greater portion of victims to its desolating progress.

The Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Council then said, it is His Excellency the Governor's will and pleasure that this Parliament be prorogued to Tuesday the Twenty-eighth day of October next, then to meet in this place—and this Parliament is prorogued accordingly.

Parliament prorogued.