

V. A Bill intituled "An Act for repealing certain parts of an Act made and passed in the Fourteenth Year of his present Majesty's Reign, intituled an Act for regulating the measure of Boards and all other kinds of Lumber, and for appointing Officers to survey same, and for declaring what shall be deemed Merchantable Timber for Exportation."

After which His Excellency, was pleased, to deliver the following Speech to both Houses, viz.

"Mr. President, and Gentlemen of his Majesty's Council,

"Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

**I** HAVE experienced much satisfaction from the harmony which has subsisted during the present Session. The attention to Public Business, and the disposition to afford pecuniary supply for the exigencies of the Colony, which has been shewn are grounds upon which a well founded hope may rest as to its future Prosperity.

"The ample opportunity which has been afforded for examining into the Public Expenditure, must have proved to a demonstration the watchful care with which it has been applied, and cannot but satisfy the most doubtful mind of the certainty there exists of its being equally attended to in future. The objects of Expenditure which have been suggested by both Houses, during the present Session, I am happy to find, are precisely those to which I feel myself most disposed to pay the earliest attention, whenever the means shall exist for the carrying the projected improvements into execution.

"The finally giving sanction to that, which, in consequence thereof, is to pass into a Law, I esteem a most solemn and sacred duty; in all I have done or abstained from doing, on the present occasion, I have allowed myself to be actuated by constitutional principle alone, and I am anxious that it should be publicly understood, that in those instances, in which I have felt it my duty to pause, before giving consent, I am nevertheless highly sensible of the ability and assiduity, which has been exerted in the formation of what has been laid before me, which, when it shall have undergone further modification may meet with my future concurrence.

"I now hasten to pay regard to the reasonable wish expressed by the Lower House of Assembly, in particular, of being released from further attendance at present, and trust we shall meet again with increased confidence, in the upright intentions of all.

(Signed)

"C. D. SMITH, Lt. Gov.

"August 14th, 1817."

The President of His Majesty's Council, by His Excellency's command, then said,  
*Gentlemen,*

It is his Excellency's will and pleasure that this General Assembly be Prorogued to Tuesday the Twenty-first day of October next, to be then here held; and this General Assembly is accordingly Prorogued to Tuesday the Twenty-first day of October next.

GOD SAVE THE KING.