

in the course of the Session on points of minor importance, has there been any interruption to that harmony and good understanding which ought at all times to exist in two such important bodies.

It is only by collision of opinion that truth is elicited; and were one or other Branch of the Legislature implicitly to follow the views of the other, the great advantage of a sound decision, derived from separate discussion, would be entirely lost.

Though it may be said that your labours have not been in proportion to the time you have been in Session, yet it is neither a proof of a want of exertion, nor of the exercise of a sound discretion on your parts. On the first establishment of a new institution like the present, it is more desirable to take time, and to weigh and consider the various duties it imposes on you,—and rather to search into and discover the defects in your local polity, than hastily to apply remedies which, the probabilities are, would prove ineffectual. At the same time it is no less true that many important matters await your grave consideration, and that on re-assembling, your undivided attention will be required to be given to them. Let me, therefore, express a hope that

you will each of you, during the recess, in your different districts, devote as much of your time as your personal affairs will permit, to the state and condition of the people within your reach—ascertain their local wants, as well as the best method of relieving them—and inform yourselves on those general laws, which, in common with the rest of their fellow-countrymen, will best promote their happiness and welfare,—and you may rest assured, that on our meeting again, you will find in me the same anxiety and disposition to further that object of all good government, which has ever regulated my actions since my arrival among you.

After which, the Honourable the President of His Majesty's Council said,—

*Gentlemen of the Council:*

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:*

It is His Excellency the Governor's will and pleasure, that this General Assembly be prorogued until Friday, the first day of November next; and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued until Friday the first day of November next.

EDWARD M. ARCHIBALD, *Clerk of the General Assembly.*

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END OF THE SECOND SESSION.

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