

Fully convinced of the necessity of some measure to counteract the evils occasioned by unoccupied lands, and acceding entirely to the principle of the provisions which you have proposed, I have every hope that the reference for His Majesty's consideration, which has appeared to me proper, will result in the declaration of the Royal assent.

The provisions you have made for the better collecting of the revenue and for obtaining a more accurate census of the population will, I trust, be found effectual.

I entertain an ardent hope that under the protection of Divine Providence the permanent support which you have contributed in your amendments of the Common School Act, to the cause of religious instruction and the general dissemination of knowledge, will be productive of the happiest effects. Such objects the wisest and most virtuous will best appreciate, and the attention you have given them will confer lasting honor on yourselves.

I cannot refrain from adverting to the present tranquil and happy state of this Province and pointing out to your observation how materially that harmony and public spirit, which have prevailed in the Councils of the Legislature, have led to a mutual confidence between the Government and the people, and produced a highly favorable influence both on the general prosperity and on the contentment and happiness of private life.

You will know how greatly individual security, comfort and convenience, as well as the whole interior order and economy of a country depend on the just fulfilment of those ordinary duties which the law requires, and I am persuaded that in your respective counties you will be desirous to impress truths so important upon the minds of those who look up to your example or are influenced by your advice.

The Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Council then said: It is His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor's will and pleasure that this Provincial Parliament be prorogued to the first day of March next, to be then here holden, and this Provincial Parliament is prorogued accordingly.

I certify the foregoing to be a correct transcript of the Minutes of the proceedings of the Legislative Council in the Fourth Session of the Eighth Provincial Parliament of Upper Canada.

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