

46 56 Geo. III. Journals of the Legislative Council, A. 1816.

" trial of controverted Elections or Returns of Members to serve in the  
" House of Assembly of Lower Canada."

To this Bill the Royal Assent was pronounced by the Deputy Clerk  
of this House, in the words following, viz. :

" In His Majesty's Name, His Excellency the Administrator in Chief  
doth assent to this Bill."

Then His Excellency the Administrator in Chief was pleased to make  
the following Speech :

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,*

*And Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

Having indulged the hope when I met you in Provincial Parliament, that your unanimous exertions would have been diligently applied to those objects of public advantage which I recommended to your particular attention, it has been with extreme concern that I have found those my reasonable expectations disappointed.

The House of Assembly has again entered on the discussion of a subject, on which the decision of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, in the name and on behalf of His Majesty, has already been communicated to them ; and while I deeply regret that the Assembly should have allowed any consideration to overbear the respect which His Royal Highness's decision claimed, I feel it my duty to announce to you my determination to prorogue the present Parliament, and to resort to the sense of the people, by an immediate dissolution.

Then the Speaker of this House said,

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,*

*And Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

It is the will and pleasure of His Excellency the Administrator in Chief, that this Provincial Parliament be prorogued until Thursday the second day of May next, to be then here held, and this Provincial Parliament is hereby prorogued accordingly until Thursday the second day of May next.