

sure I acknowledge your assiduous and zealous attendance in the discharge of your public duties, during the long and laborious Session, which I am now to close.

*" Gentlemen of the House of Assembly ;*

" I thank you in His Majesty's name for those supplies which have been granted, by Bills of appropriation ; and assure you of my best attention in the application of them to the purposes for which they are intended.

" I exceedingly regret that the expectations of His Majesty, which, by his command, I had the honor to express to you at the opening of this Session, have not been realized.

*" Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and*

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" When this Parliament met for the dispatch of public business, I did entertain a hope that the experience of the last few years, would have led you to a mature and serious consideration of the consequences that would inevitably follow, if the then state of things should not be remedied ; you cannot, therefore, be surprised that I should now express not only my disappointment, but great concern that the same question of constitutional principle should have again disturbed the unanimity of your Legislative proceedings.

" Upon this occasion, I think it a duty which I owe to you and to your country, to call upon you to consider, during this summer, the result of the discussions of the Session in all its bearings.

" You will see the Administration of the Civil Government left without any pecuniary means, but what I shall advance upon my own personal responsibility : you will see individuals suffering under severe and unmerited hardships, caused by the want of that constitutional authority, that is necessary for the payment of the expences of the Civil Government ; you will see the interior improvements of the country nearly at a stand ; you will see, in short, the Executive Government in a manner palsied and powerless.

" When I shall again summon you to meet here in Parliament you will come to decide the important question, whether the Government shall be restored to its constitutional energy, or whether you are to deplore the prospect of lasting misfortune ; by a continuance in the present state of things ? Important as that question is, there can be no difficulty in the decision. When the blessings of the British Constitution were granted to this Province, you received with it, the recorded experience of centu-