

A Message from his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, by the Secretary, requiring the attendance of the House immediately in the Council Chamber.

The House having attended, his Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the following Bills, viz.

I. A Bill intituled "An Act to amend an Act intituled an Act to prevent the Malicious Killing, Wounding, or Maiming of Cattle."

II. A Bill, intituled "An Act to Revive two several Acts of the General Assembly lately expired."

III. A Bill, intituled "An Act to prevent the Harboursing Deserters from his Majesty's Navy or Army, and for giving a Reward for apprehending Deserters, and to prevent Harboursing Deserters from Ships in the Merchant Service."

IV. A Bill, intituled "An Act for continuing an Act, intituled an Act for Defraying Contingent Expences of the General Assembly of this Island;" 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 Representatives,

"THE obviously pressing exigency of our Militia, to render its force efficient for the essential purpose of ascertaining the security of his Majesty's Infant Colony, claiming aloud your immediate attention, and your liberal aid, in the necessary procurement of adequate relief, encouragement, and support, was the primary object, which, with other cogent reasons, induced me to convene this Session of the General Assembly of this Island. Confiding in your fidelity, ability, and discretion, having submitted the merits of the important subject to your investigation and serious consideration, with such relative information, and collected remarks as had occurred, and thus dutifully consigned the whole to your good management, I indulged the hopes of a desirable result.

"It were not to be conceived that an object, on which the lives and fortunes of a loyal people, and all the inestimable enjoyments of its Constitutional rights, under the happy Government of the best of Sovereigns on earth, may eventually depend, could possibly have failed to excite the most lively and interesting attention in the breasts of the Responsible Guardians, appointed by that People, for the preservation of these Rights, and the peaceable tenure of their lives and fortunes. And, Gentlemen, in the pursuit of an object so universally interesting, were it reasonable to have entertained a solitary doubt of the ready and unanimous co-operation of responsible Trustees, whose bounden duty it is steadily to follow the pure impulse of innate sentiments of loyalty, candor, and rectitude, and who, placed in elevated and confidential public situations, must be deemed inaccessible to indignified influence or perversion.

"My grateful acknowledgements are due for the pains which some of you, Gentlemen, have laudably taken, and for the solicitude and perseverance you have evinced in the laborious course of this Session, to gratify the Public's just expectation.

"Being perfectly assured that the happiness arising from conscious rectitude can be enjoyed only by those whose conduct is candid, upright, and honourable, I trust, therefore, that in the actual conjuncture of things, I may be allowed kindly and earnestly to recommend cool reflection to those Gentlemen whose weak propensities may, in any degree, have misled their conduct.

"Feeling how essentially requisite your presence must be in the direction of your respective Agricultural, and other domestic pursuits, I will now close the present Session, most cordially wishing you all manner of gratifying success and happiness therein.

"Prince Edward Island, 22d of August, 1810.

The President of his Majesty's Council, by his Excellency's command, then said—

"GENTLEMEN—It is his Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor's will and pleasure, That this General Assembly be Prorogued to Monday, the 1st Day of October next, to be then here holden, and this General Assembly is accordingly Prorogued to Monday, the first day of October next."