

For some time afterwards the Parliament sat in the Court House, and then removed to the General Hospital, until the present Parliamentary Buildings were completed. In the journals of this session, I find it ordered, that after the Speaker do take the Chair, no member depart from the house without leave obtained from the Speaker, an order which, even now, might be enforced with advantage. There were five Acts passed, and four reserved for royal assent; the Session was prorogued on the 5th of July.

The journals of the Third Session of this Parliament are lost. The Fourth Session commenced on Monday, the 2d of June, 1800; Peter Hunter being Lieutenant-Governor. Mr. Street was elected Speaker in the room of the Hon. D. W. Smith. This Session, in which eight bills were passed, was prorogued on the 4th of July; and the First Session of the Third Parliament met on the 29th of May, 1801. Here we first see a list of the members, in number 19—among whom I find the name of Judge Allcock, who, together with the Attorney General and several gentlemen going down to attend Court at Newcastle, as also a prisoner, who was being brought down to be tried, was some time afterwards lost, by the sinking of the schooner Speedy. During this Session the Honorable Mr. Smith resumed his seat as Speaker. There were 12 bills received the Royal Assent, and from two it was withheld. I have given this very brief account of the Second or Third Parliaments to show in what manner the business of the country was conducted, how speedily the then House of Assembly got through its work; but, as I may, at a future period, enter more fully on this subject, I shall hasten on to the immediate object of my undertaking, merely glancing for a moment at the Session of 1812. Nothing could exceed the the loyalty of that Parliament in times of pressing danger, when the event of the war was yet doubtful, while the republic was holding forth every inducement to the inhabitants of this country to join her standard, while a powerful army threatened the whole line of frontier. From regular surprise the Province had nothing to meet attacks from without, save a brave and loyal but ill trained Militia—amid such difficulties did the House of Assembly use every endeavour to raise to the highest pitch the bravery