

“ of this Island, relative to the duties of Impost on Wines, Rum, Brandy and other distilled Spirituous Liquours, and for allowing a drawback on all Wines, Rum, Brandy, and other distilled Spirituous Liquours exported from this Island. And an Act entitled an Act for raising a duty on Wine, Rum and other distilled Spirituous Liquors, and for imposing a Duty on Porter, Ale and Strong Beer.”

VII. A Bill entitled “ an Act for continuing an Act of the General Assembly made and passed in the Forty seventh year of his present Majesty's Reign, entitled an Act for the purpose of defraying contingent expences of the General Assembly of this Island.”

After which His Excellency was pleased to deliver the following speech to both Houses,

“ *Mr. Peesident, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council,*

“ *Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

66 **W**HEN the Hostile Spirit and aggression of the United States of America, imposed on me the duty of Convening the Legislature of this Island, to provide requisite means, for ascertaining the Public safety, I sorrowly beheld the necessity of meeting you, at a season of the year, in which I well knew, that your agricultural pursuits, and your Commercial Engagements, more than at any other, required your personal attentions, and presence.

“ Contemplating the momentous Crisis before us, to the importance and eventual consequence of which, all inferior considerations ought to give way, I looked forward to the animation of your zeal and loyalty, and relying on your alacrity, in the dispatch of the most immediately pressing objects of your Legislative Duties, I indulged the hopes of being enabled, to afford you, a speedy relief, by an early prorogation.

“ These hopes however have been disappointed, by various intervening interruptions, in the prosecutions of the pressing objects just alluded to. Among the number of those interruptions, I have to notice, that you deemed it a primary and inevitable object of your Legislative duty, after a scrutiny of Elections, an examination of the Public Accounts, &c. &c. diligently to investigate the ground and Causes of sundry matters and proceedings, appearing to you essentially to effect, the internal peace and tranquility, and the Lives, Liberties and Properties, of His Majesty's Loyal Subjects in this Island.

“ While I deeply lament the inadequate efficacy of your Labours, I cordially acknowledgde the candour, assiduity, and sollicitude with which, several among you, Gentlemen, have, at the sacrifice of personal interests, endeavoured to discharge your incumbent duties, in the protracted course of this now expiring Session.

“ No Exertion of mine shall be wanting to bring our Militia Force in a course of Improvement by means of Drill and Discipline, to render it qualified and efficient, in the ascertainment of the Public safety.

“ Trusting to the fulfilment of your promises, to provide for its support, I have only to recommend to you, that in return to your several Counties, you will inculcate obedience to the Laws, and a due regard to that admirable Constitution which we owe to the Divine Inspiration of the all bounteous providence, and upon which the Glory and Happiness of the British Empire, have, so long and successfully depended; and let us make our lives happy, in the enjoyment arising, from a pious observance of our Laws, being fully convinced of this truth, that, *when the Laws are violated, life itself grows insecure, and property ceases to be advantageous.*”

Prince Edward Island, September 29th, 1812.

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 Tuesday the Tenth Day of November next, to be then here holden, and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued to the Tenth day of November next.