

LETTER from N. Coffin, Esq. to Major Hillier, Private Secretary,
&c. &c. &c.

SIR,

York, March 22d, 1828.

I BEG leave to request that you will state to the Lieutenant-governor that, in obedience to the communication I received, through you, that his Excellency could not give me permission to attend a Committee of the House of Assembly for the reasons therein stated, that I did not attend the said Committee, and that, in consequence thereof, I have been committed this evening to the common gaol of the Home district by Order of the House of Assembly: I have, therefore, to pray that his Excellency will be pleased to direct that I may have the advice and assistance of the Crown officers, to enable me to take such steps as I may be instructed on the occasion.

I have, &c.

(signed) N. Coffin,
Adj-Genl of Militia.

In Council.

3d April 1828.

THE Council having reviewed their Report of the 26th March last, upon the subject of the within letter, respectfully beg leave to withdraw the same; and upon mature consideration, the Board cannot advise that the Government should interpose to give any directions to the Crown officers as within solicited.

HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN of the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, and
GENTLEMEN of the HOUSE of ASSEMBLY:

THE period of your Session having been extended to its usual length, there are some measures of great and general interest to the people of this Province, which I had hoped might have been presented to me as the result of your labours.

Having recommended to you when you met, that some effectual provision for the improvement of the roads should engage your attention, and being aware from the petitions presented to me that measures for promoting other valuable objects would be proposed to your consideration, I have not suffered the prorogation of the Legislature to be hastened by any occurrences, however unusual.

It is not in my power to do more than to persevere in urging, on future occasions, an application to those objects which are so connected with the welfare of the people, that an earnest attention to them, on the part of the Legislature, could not fail to be rewarded with the immediate attainment of great practical good.

GENTLEMEN of the HOUSE of ASSEMBLY:

I thank you, in His Majesty's name, for the supplies which you have granted for the public service.

HONOURABLE GENTLEMEN and GENTLEMEN:

Among the Bills presented to me for the Royal Assent, I am pleased to find that you have concurred in a measure providing for the convenient tenure of such parcels of ground as the various denominations of Christians may have occasion to occupy for religious purposes.

The Naturalization Bill which you have passed remains to be decided upon by His Majesty's Government; after all the unnecessary excitement which has been produced by this question, I need only remind you that no measure could be devised here, or in England, which could ever place the desired relief upon a more indulgent footing than it would long ago have been, if the wishes of this Government had been seconded when they were first publicly expressed.

I take leave of you in the confident expectation that, among a people so particularly favoured as the inhabitants of Upper Canada, no misapprehension as to their real interests, and the proper objects of all good government, can be either general or lasting, and that this season of peace and prosperity which we so happily enjoy, will hereafter be employed in a zealous and undivided application to objects of evident and acknowledged utility.

After which the Honourable the Speaker of the Legislative Council declared that it was his Excellency's pleasure that this Parliament be prorogued to Friday the second day of May next, and declared the Parliament prorogued to the said second day of May, to be then and there holden.