

After which His Excellency was pleased to make the following speech to both Houses—

His Excellency's
speech.

“ *Gentlemen of the Council,*

“ *And Gentlemen of the Assembly,*

“ **I**N dismissing you, at this time, from your attendance in General Assembly, I take the opportunity
“ to express my satisfaction in the result of your deliberations.

“ Though a perfect unanimity on every subject cannot be
“ expected, yet a perfect harmony of counsels will eventually
“ prevail so long as the several branches of the Legislature
“ continue to have a direct and steady view to the public good.
“ But however wisely the laws may be adapted to that important end, their salutary influence must, in a great measure, depend on the degree of respect and veneration in which they are held by the community at large. You will
“ therefore at all times consider it as a duty you owe to yourselves and to your country, to be vigilant in promoting a due
“ sense of the inviolable authority of the laws, and of the value of that excellent constitution which is so deservedly the
“ boasted birthright of British subjects.”

The General
Assembly prorogued.

And then the Clerk of the Crown, by His Excellency's command, declared the General Assembly to be prorogued to the second Tuesday in June next.