

May it please your Excellency.

The house of Assembly in their ardent desire to advance the prosperity of the Province have, during the present session, made several grants for improving the communication upon its lakes and rivers, and for amending the condition of its highways.

These grants are not equal to the wishes of the Assembly or of the wants of the Province; but have necessarily been circumscribed by the state of the finances.

In future, the means of advancing the improvement of the colony will be materially increased by the gracious Act of His Majesty in placing at the disposal of the Legislature the duties which, under a British Act of Parliament, have hitherto been subject to the appropriation of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury.

This measure of His Majesty's Government, so perfectly in accordance with the spirit of our excellent constitution, has been received with much satisfaction by the House of Assembly, especially as it removes an occasion of discontent which might otherwise have increased as the amount of these duties became more considerable.

If the Assembly, in return for this gracious act of His Majesty, have not secured by a more permanent provision than an annual vote all those charges for the administration of the civil Government to which their attention was directed by your Excellency, they have, nevertheless, they trust, manifested equal confidence in his Majesty, and have effectually consulted the advantage of the public service, and ensured that cordiality and good understanding which they are most anxious should always prevail among the different branches of the Legislature, by making provision of a permanent nature for the principal officers of the Government, though called upon by your Excellency only for such a measure as should relieve these officers from a state of dependence on an annual vote.

The Speaker then delivered to the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery the following bills, which were severally assented to by His Excellency in his Majesty's name.

"An act to repeal the laws now in force granting poundage to the Receiver Gen. and to provide a salary for that officer in lieu thereof."

"An act to establish a Market and to establish wharfage fees in the Town of Amherstburgh in the Western district;"

"An act to erect the county of Prince Edward into a separate District."

"An act to indemnify the magistrates of the Newcastle District and to authorise them to raise a loan on the credit of the funds of the said District to complete a building erected at the Village of Amherst as the Gaol and Court House of the said District."

Money bills which received the royal assent.

"An act to afford further aid to the Welland Canal Company and to repeal part of and amend the laws now in force relating to the said Company."

"An Act granting to his Majesty a sum of money to be raised by debenture for the improvement of Roads and Bridges in the several districts of this Province."

"An act to grant a sum of money and to provide for the improvement of the navigation of the river aux Raisins in the County of Glengarry."

"An act to authorise the laying out several sums of money granted by an act of the last Session of the Legislature, entitled "An act granting to his Majesty a sum of money for the improvement of the Roads and Bridges in this Province," and which sums remain unexpended."

"An act to provide a salary for the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, and to remunerate him for past services."

"An act to remunerate James G. Strowbridge for labor and materials provided and applied by him in constructing the Burlington Bay Canal."

"An act to indemnify Roswell Mount, Esquire, for monies advanced by him to complete a bridge across the River

Thames from Delaware to Carradoc.

"An act to make further provision for completing the Kettle Creek Harbor; in the District of London."

"An act to make good certain monies paid under the warrants of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in advance to defray the contingencies of the last session of the Legislature."

"An act to repeal an act passed in the 5th session of the 6th Parliament of this province entitled "An act for granting to his Majesty a sum of money towards defraying the expenses of the civil administration of the Government of this Province" and for granting to his Majesty a certain sum of money to be applied towards the payment of the expenses of the administration of justice and the support of the civil Government of this Province."

"An act to grant a sum of money to his Majesty in aid of the York Hospital" and "An act for affording aid to William Chisholm Esquire, towards the completion of the Harbor at Oakville in the Township of Trafalgar."

His Excellency was then pleased to address the two Houses, with the following gracious Speech:

Honorable Gentlemen  
and Gentlemen

The instructions which I received from His Majesty's Government to make the important communication which I transmitted to you on the 28th of last month prevented my relieving you from your attendance in Parliament at the time I first intended to close this Session.

The beneficial effects which will result from the bills which you have passed for the improvement of the Roads and Bridges and of internal navigation, will extend to most Townships.

I have no doubt that the conditional grant which has been sanctioned to complete the direct line of the Welland Canal from its junction with the Chippewa to Lake Erie will be sufficient for that purpose, if the means you have provided are skilfully applied; and that notwithstanding the local prejudices which have frequently impeded the progress of improvements embracing the general interests of the country this measure will be commended ultimately by every District. In facilitating the conveyance of the produce of that portion of Upper Canada which it is probable will become the most populous of the Province, the prosperity of the whole colony is promoted.

Speech at close of session.

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly

I thank you in his Majesty's name for the supplies which you have voted for the public service. You will have perceived from the account of the Revenue arising from the duties levied under the Act of the 14th George 3d which have been forwarded to the House of Assembly every session, and from the statement laid before you of the salaries of officers of each department, and of the funds on which they are borne, and from the accounts of the Casual and Territorial Revenue, that the public expenditure of the offices of the Government has been reduced, except in those charges which depend on the increased population.

Honorable Gentlemen and Gentlemen.

The expenses of the civil government which were supported till the year 1827, by the liberal grants of the parent state, can now be defrayed entirely from duties raised under the statute of the 14th George 3rd.

The assignment therefore of this revenue to the disposal of the Legislature, has not only enabled you to make a permanent provision for the salaries of the principal officers of the government and Judges, which ensures their constitutional independence, but it has also considerably increased the funds from which the annual supplies may be drawn.

After which the honorable the Speaker of the Legislative House pro- Council declared that it was His Excellency's pleasure that this gued to 19th April.  
parliament be prorogued to the 12th day of April and declared the Parliament prorogued to the said 12th day of April to be then and here holden.