

His Excellency's
speech to both
Houses.

“ Gentlemen of the Council,

“ And Gentlemen of the Assembly,

“ **H**AVING given my assent to such bills as you have agreed
“ upon, I conclude it would be fruitless longer to de-
“ tain you at present from your private affairs. I shall therefore
“ dismiss you from further attendance at this time in General
“ Assembly, and once more express my hope, that such provisi-
“ ons, as yet remain unsettled, may at a future meeting be com-
“ pleted in the manner most conducive to the real interest and
“ Reputation of the province. It is not, indeed, without seri-
“ ous concern that I observe another year's delay of payment to
“ the persons employed in the public service. But, though I
“ lament the inconveniences that may be suffered by individu-
“ als, it is no small consolation to reflect that, in the mean time
“ the general prosperity of the Colony is still advancing, and,
“ I trust, will continue to advance, with an uninterrupted pro-
“ gress.”

General Assem-
bly prorogued.

And then the Clerk of the Crown, by HIS EXCELLENCY'S
command, declared the General Assembly to be prorogued
second Tuesday in May next.