

I lament that the circumstances in which this Province is placed, have necessarily prevented you from adopting measures by which its financial difficulties could be permanently removed ; but this can only be effected when the obvious and easy means of augmenting the revenue, through the customs duties, with little comparative inconvenience to the people, shall be placed within your control. In the meantime, it will be my anxious desire to use the powers with which you have entrusted the Executive Government, to relieve, as far as possible, the most pressing demands upon the public faith ; and I shall devote myself to the consideration and recommendation of measures, by which the credit of the Province may be sustained, and its future prospects improved.

Honorable Gentlemen; and Gentlemen :

On your return to your different Districts, I earnestly hope that it will be your endeavour to promote that spirit of harmony and conciliation, which has so much distinguished your proceedings here. Let past differences be forgotten—let irritating suspicions be removed. I rejoice to find that already tranquility and hopeful confidence in the future, prevail throughout the province. Let it be your task to cherish and promote these feelings ; it will be mine cordially to co-operate with you ; and by administering the government in obedience with the commands of the Queen, with justice and impartiality to all, to promote her anxious wish, that her Canadian subjects, loyal to their Sovereign, and attached to British institutions, may, through the blessing of Divine Providence, become a happy, an united, and a prosperous people.

Parliament prorogued
to 16th March.

After which the Honorable Speaker of the Legislative Council declared that it was His Excellency's pleasure that this Parliament be prorogued to Monday the sixteenth day of March next, and declared the Parliament prorogued to the said sixteenth day of March, to be then and here holden.

JAMES FITZGIBBON,

CLERK OF ASSEMBLY.