

To defray cer-
tain Expenses
of 1843.

certain necessary and indispensable expenses of the Government, for the years one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, and one thousand eight hundred and forty-four, not otherwise provided for, to be charged upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund of the Province."

Duties on
Stills.

"An Act to repeal an Act of the present Session, relative to the duties on Stills, and to make further provision on the same subject."

Agriculture,
Lower Ca-
nada.

"An Act to repeal certain Acts therein mentioned, and better to encourage Agriculture in *Lower Canada*, by the establishment of Agricultural Societies there-in."

To authorize
the defraying
of certain Ex-
penses.

"An Act to authorize the charge of a certain sum of money therein mentioned, advanced from the Treasury of the Province by the Executive Government thereof, without the authority of the Provincial Parliament, for defraying, during a period therein specified, certain necessary and indispensable expenses of the Civil Government of the Province, and Public Works therein, upon the Consolidated Revenue Fund thereof, and of indemnity therefor to all concerned."

Agriculture,
Upper Canada.

"An Act for the encouragement of Agricultural Societies and Agriculture in *Upper Canada*."

And to each of the eight last preceding Bills the Royal Assent was signified in the following words:—

"In Her Majesty's Name His Excellency, the Governor General, doth assent to this Bill."

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

Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

Speech,
Proroguing.

I thank you for your indefatigable attention to the laborious duties which you have had to perform during this unusually long Session. I trust that the Acts which have been passed, will prove beneficial to the Province: and I consider myself justified in especially congratulating you on those for improving the Administration of Justice in *Upper Canada*, and those relating to Education and Municipal Institutions in *Lower Canada*; all of which are of the highest value, and promise to render essential service to the community. I regret at the same time to notice, that several important measures have been unavoidably postponed. On this account, I am reluctant to part with you, for I am loth to lose your assistance while any thing remains to be done which the good of the Country requires. Nevertheless, I am sensible that your presence is much required at your homes, and that it would be unreasonable to expect your longer attendance at the present period. Whatever has been left incomplete, will, I hope, be accomplished at our next meeting.

I have had the satisfaction of assenting, in Her Majesty's Name, to nearly all of the Enactments which you have passed, and the few reserved for the decision of Her Majesty's Government, have been so dealt with under circumstances, which, from positive

instructions or otherwise, have rendered it imperative on me to pursue that course. The Act to amend the Ordinance Act of the last Session of the late Parliament comes necessarily under that description, as it affects the property of the Crown.

I have received authentic information, of the passing of an Act by the Legislature of the *United States*, which may seriously affect the Commercial interests of this Province. I will not fail to submit the subject for the attention of Her Majesty's Government, and I am sure that it will receive the most earnest consideration.

Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

I return you my hearty thanks for the liberality with which you have provided the requisite means for the due administration of our Affairs. I shall anxiously co-operate with you in every measure of economy consistent with the efficiency of the Public Service. It is satisfactory to observe, that the prosperous condition of our Revenue enables us, after providing for a reduction of the Public Debt by commencing the establishment of a Sinking Fund for the redemption of the Guaranteed Loan, to apply a considerable sum to additional Public Works, calculated to produce great advantage.

Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly,

You are about to return to your homes to resume those occupations, which, in most cases, are indispensable for the support of your families, and which are unavoidably interrupted with some degree of injury to yourselves, by your attendance on Parliamentary Duties. I earnestly hope that you may be successful in your undertakings, and I beg you to convey to your several constituencies, the assurance that Her Majesty's Government ardently desires the welfare of this Province, and is anxious that the whole of its inhabitants, without distinction and with perfect equality, may enjoy all the rights and privileges of a Free People, and experience the prosperity, contentment and happiness, which are naturally derived from unfettered industry, prudent enterprise, good fellowship, and brotherly love. And now Gentlemen, with the heartfelt wish that you may be partakers in these blessings, I will say farewell until we meet again. I cannot, however, conclude, without expressing my warmest thanks for the aid and support which you have afforded to Her Majesty's Government by your loyal, zealous and patriotic labours.

Then the Honourable the *Speaker* of the Legislative Council, said—

Honourable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

It is His Excellency, the Governor General's will and pleasure, that this Provincial Parliament be prorogued until Thursday, the eighth day of May next, to be then here holden; and this Provincial Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Thursday, the eighth day of May next.