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PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT OF UPPER CANADA.

At three o'clock this day, His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, being seated on the Throne, in the Legislative Council Chamber, and the House of Assembly being present, His Excellency was pleased to prorogue the present Session of Parliament with the following

SPEECH :—

*Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council and
Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

I cannot release you from your present attendance in Parliament, without expressing my regret that the urgency of the public business has compelled me, notwithstanding your exertions to continue this Session through a period of the year not usually occupied by the sitting of the Legislature.

The manifold mischiefs which threatened the Province in consequence of the suspension of receipt which by the failure of an arrangement with the Sister Colony had been occasioned in the most important branch of our Revenue, induced me at the opening of the Session to recommend this matter in an especial manner to your consideration, and I could not fail to observe with satisfaction, that in your several proceedings which have been directed to the removal of this important evil, you have manifested as well your regard to temper and moderation, as to the expectations and proper interests of the Country.

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

I thank you in the name of His Majesty for the vote of Supply which you have passed in aid of the funds for the support of the Civil Government.

The diligent and accurate investigation which you have doubtless applied to all matters connected with the public disbursements for that series of years, of which, in compliance with your Address, I caused the detailed Accounts to be prepared and laid before you, must, I trust, have made

you fully sensible, that although a proportionable addition in the duties of the Executive, has necessarily kept pace with the extensive increase of population and organized territory that has so rapidly taken place within the period to which you have referred; yet the annual demand upon the Revenue except in some few and trivial instances, the necessity for which was manifest, has experienced no augmentation, while it has upon the whole been very considerably diminished. It is my anxious wish to keep the public expenditure within the most reasonable bounds, but I am sure you cannot but agree with me that to withdraw from the ordinary departments of the public service the means necessary to render them effective, or to deprive the Servants of His Majesty of their fair and long established remuneration, would be an economy neither profitable nor just.

Honorable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen,

The enactments you have made for securing the Province from foreign influence by disqualifying certain descriptions of persons from holding a seat in the House of Assembly, for improving the system and regulating the practice of the Courts of Justice, and for rendering the Militia effective, are all measures important in their nature and I have no doubt that experience will justify the expectations with which you framed them. That friendly intercourse between the two Houses of Parliament, by means of which the united result of some of your most useful labors has been preserved to benefit your Country must have convinced you in the most satisfactory manner how necessary is the prevalence of that spirit of harmony and good understanding which has governed your proceedings, to do full justice to the public service. On my part, I shall always continue to be animated by a sincere desire to cultivate by all open and constitutional means a perfect confidence between me and the other branches of the Legislature, not only as a matter congenial with my own disposition, but as necessary for promoting to the utmost extent the true interests of the People,—the most prominent of the duties prescribed to me by the gracious injunctions of my Sovereign.