

His Excellency was then pleased to make the following Speech :

Mr. PRESIDENT, and Gentlemen of His Majesty's Council ;

Mr. SPEAKER, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :—

THE critical situation in which this Province was placed by the unexpected declaration of War, on the part of the United States of America, imposed upon me the duty of calling you together, to provide for the public safety, at a season when I am aware it must have been very inconvenient to many of you to have quitted your homes ; I cannot, therefore, dismiss the General Assembly, without offering the Members my acknowledgments for their ready attendance on this occasion.

I have further, Gentlemen, to return you my best thanks for the liberal Supplies you have so cheerfully granted, and which will, I trust, be applied in such a manner, as (under the blessing of Divine Providence) fully to answer the important ends for which they were intended.

Trusting to your patriotism and judgment, I feel confident that you will, both by your advice and example, afford every encouragement to those sentiments of loyalty and public spirit which have already manifested themselves among the inhabitants of your respective Districts, and a continuation of which will be, at this period, so honourable to them, and so necessary to the preservation of this Province.

J. C. SHERBROOKE.

Afterwards the President of His Majesty's Council, by his Excellency's command, said :

Gentlemen,

IT is His Excellency's Will and Pleasure, that this General Assembly be prorogued to Thursday the Twelfth Day of November next : to be then here held ; and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued to Thursday the Twelfth day of November next.