

UPPER CANADA.

PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT OF UPPER CANADA.

York, Upper Canada, April 13, 1825.

At Four 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:

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

In closing this Session of the Provincial Parliament, which has been of more than ordinary length, I find but few measures of general concern presented to me, as the result of your labours.

The Bill for the further regulation of our Intercourse with the United States of America, contains one provision in particular, which I should be happy to see exist, I mean the provision for admitting free of duty, the Horses employed in conveying persons removing into, or travelling through this Province.

I regret much that this relaxation, which may itself, I fear, seem in some measure repugnant to that part of the Canada Trade Act, which regulates the Intercourse between this Province and the neighbouring Country, should have been connected with others, that appear more decidedly inconsistent with that Statute. But although these circumstances compel me to reserve the Bill for the signification of His Majesty's pleasure, I will, in the mean time, take such measures, upon my own responsibility, as may give immediate effect to the provision to which I first alluded, in the confidence that it will be ultimately confirmed.

The amendments you have made to the Act incorporating the Welland Canal Company, will have the effect, I trust, of facilitating the execution of a work, which, if conducted to a successful termination, must be of incalculable importance to this Province.

I regret to perceive that your Session has terminated without affording to the Government the means of carrying on the Public Service during the present year.

So long as I continued to confine the charges of the Administration of the Civil Government as rigidly as the service would permit, to that scale which I found established, which His Majesty's Government had long approved, and which the Legislature of this Province, since their assumption of it, had repeatedly investigated, and as often confirmed; I did not apprehend that I should fail to receive the ordinary and necessary support for the Public Service. It will be incumbent on me to afford an early opportunity of supplying this omission, in the mean time I shall endeavour, as much as possible, to avert the inconvenience to which the Public Service may be exposed.

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.

DESIROUS that the public expenditure should always receive due consideration, I afforded you at an early period of the Session, the opportunity of investigating the Public Accounts, and I have answered promptly, and as satisfactorily as it was in my power, to every call for information.

In the absence of any provision for the support of the Civil Government. I am not at liberty to consent to any other appropriation of the Provincial Revenue, — a necessity which will account for my rejection of measures which must otherwise have received my cheerful concurrence.

Honourable Gentlemen, and Gentlemen,

I have witnessed in late Sessions with so much pleasure the beneficial effects of a vigilant application in the Legislature to objects of great and permanent interest to