

A Bill intituled “ An Act to explain and amend an Act made and passed in the twentieth Year of his present Majesty’s Reign, intituled “ An Act to enable Proprietors to divide their Lands held in common, and for ascertaining the Mode of carrying such Division into Execution.”

A Bill intituled “ An Act for the Preservation of Sheep throughout the Island.”

His Excellency then made the following Speech to both Houses :

Mr. President, and Gentlemen of his Majesty’s Honorable Council,

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

IT is with peculiar Satisfaction that I am enabled, at this early Period, by your Unanimity and unprecedented Dispatch of Public Business, to put an End to the Session, by dismissing you from any further Attendance at this Time.

I have so often, Gentlemen, expressed my entire Approbation of your Conduct when assembled in your legislative Capacities, and so repeatedly declared my Opinion of the just Claim which you have to the Confidence and Gratitude of your Constituents, that I cannot conceive how I can possibly more satisfactorily close the Business of the present Session, or more fully illustrate the Estimation of your public Merit and Services, than by communicating to you a Paragraph in a Public Dispatch which I lately had the Honor of receiving from his Grace the Duke of Portland, one of his Majesty’s Principal Secretaries of State, dated at Whitehall, the 5th of last August, wherein the Duke, after acknowledging the Receipt of my Letters, transmitting to his Grace the Speech, Addresses, Journals, and Acts, of the last Session, and informing me of his having laid my Letters before his Majesty, adds his official Approbation on the Occasion in the following condescending and flattering Terms, that “ It is with great Satisfaction that he observes a zealous Attention on my Part, seconded by the united Concurrence of the Council and Assembly of Saint John’s, in support of his Majesty’s Interests and those of the Island, which are inseparable.”

EDMUND FANNING.

Council Chamber, Charlotte Town, 13th February, 1796.

Then the Secretary, by his Excellency’s Command, said, “ It is his Excellency the Lieutenant Governor’s Pleasure, that this General Assembly be prorogued to the first Tuesday in June next, to be then here holden; and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued to the first Tuesday in June next.”