

“Representative of the Sovereign constituting a Provincial Administration under him, ought to be men possessed of the confidence of the Representatives of the People,” and that “the management of our local affairs can only be conducted by the Head of the Executive Government, by and with the assistance, counsel, and information of such Provincial Administration.” This House, in full reliance upon the oft expressed intentions of His Excellency to carry on the Government upon these sound constitutional principles so clearly enunciated by this House and concurred in by His Excellency, with an earnest desire not to offer any unnecessary obstruction to the progress of public affairs during a period which might reasonably have been regarded as sufficient for the formation of a new Administration, has passed several important measures eagerly looked for by the people of this Province, in the absence of any one to represent the views of Government within the walls of Parliament. But feeling the increasing difficulties which every day’s experience has warned us of in thus proceeding, under the suspended operation of those principles to which the people of this great country look, for the maintenance and preservation of their Rights and Liberties, this House has come to the determination, humbly to tender to His Excellency their advice, that His Excellency will be graciously pleased to take such measures, as are best calculated for the formation of a strong and efficient administration, and thus “affording a guarantee that the well understood wishes of the people, which our Gracious Sovereign has declared shall be the rule of the Provincial Government, will on all occasions be faithfully represented and advocated.”

Mr. Morris’s Resolution moved in amendment to the above on the 7th Dec., 1843, and carried by a unanimous vote:—

That this House, in full reliance upon the oft expressed intentions of His Excellency the Governor General, to carry on the Government upon the sound Constitutional principles so clearly enunciated by this House in the Resolutions of the 3rd Sept. 1841, have, with a strong desire to pass several important measures which were anxiously looked for by the people of this Province, been induced to proceed for the last ten days with the business of the country, in the absence of a Provincial Administration representing the Government within the walls of Parliament.

Prorogation Speech of His Excellency, the Governor General, delivered to the Houses on the 9th Dec., 1843:—

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

In consequence of the interruption which our joint labours have undergone, entirely against my inclination, and from causes over which I have had no control, I now meet you for the purpose of relieving you from further attendance in Parliament. I am sensible of your unremitting application to your arduous duties during the Session which has been so unexpectedly shortened, and I trust that the measures which you have passed, and to which I have given the Royal Assent in Her Majesty’s name, will prove beneficial to the Country. Some Bills I have been under the necessity of reserving for the consideration of Her Majesty’s Government, either from the impracticability of their being carried into execution, owing to their depending on other measures which have not passed into Laws, or from their affecting the Prerogative of the Crown, or being of a character that, under the Royal Instructions, renders that proceeding imperative.

Gentlemen of the House of Assembly:

I thank you for the readiness with which you have voted the necessary Supplies. It will be my duty to take care that they be disbursed with the utmost economy consistent with the efficiency of the Public Service.

Honourable Gentlemen and Gentlemen:

I trust that on your return to your homes you will, by precept and example, endeavour to secure the blessings of harmony and brotherly love among all classes of the community. Peace and Happiness will render our country a desirable place of refuge for the superfluous population of the Parent State, whose settling here is fraught with benefit to themselves and the Colony; while discord and strife must have the opposite effect of deterring them from connecting their destinies with those of a country unceasingly troubled; I humbly hope that the Blessing of the Almighty will render this a prosperous and happy Land, reaping the fruits of its own industry, and enjoying the powerful protection of our Gracious Sovereign as an integral portion of the British Empire. I will now, Gentlemen, say Farewell; and I trust that we shall meet again to renew our efforts for the public good with greater success.

## ERRATA.

Page 2, Column 1, Line 10—for or none, read or more.

11,	1,	46—for 1842, read 1843.
13,	1,	64—for he had read he ever had.
13,	2,	40—for us to make, read as to be able to make
14,	1,	21—for and how, read and as to how.
15,	1,	4—for approved it, read approved of it.
15,	2,	22—for or rather, read or other.
15,	2,	36—for introduced, read introduce.
16,	1,	25—for less glaring, read more glaring.
16,	1,	50—for could all the better be, read could be all the better.

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