

His Excellency was then pleased to deliver the following Speech :—

*Mr. President, and Honorable Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,
Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

My thanks, and in my opinion those of the Province, are due to you for the alacrity with which you assembled for the performance of your Legislative duties at this unusual and inconvenient season of the year, for the zeal and assiduity with which you have attended to those duties, and above all, for the spirit of harmony and unanimity in which they have been conducted.

Upon the successful result of your joint labours, as regards the public interests, I offer you and the Province my sincere congratulations,—to which permit me to add the expression of an earnest hope, that the great object by which the minds of the inhabitants of this Colony have been so long engaged having been brought to so satisfactory a conclusion, any feelings of irritation which may have connected themselves with the discussions to which it has given rise may now subside, and mutual good will—wherever that feeling may have been unhappily interrupted—be renewed and re-established betwixt all classes of His Majesty's subjects in this Province.

In now releasing you from further attendance upon your Legislative duties, I beg to assure you that I look forward with the utmost confidence and satisfaction to again meeting you, in your Legislative capacities, at the period usually appointed for that purpose, or whenever the interests or the exigencies of the public service may appear to me to render it expedient to call for your advice and assistance.

In the mean time I do not allow myself to doubt, that those sentiments of loyalty to the King, and of unshaken attachment to British connexion, for which the people of this Province have always been distinguished, will be (if possible) strengthened by feelings of gratitude for the recent proofs which His Majesty has given them of His paternal regard and solicitude for their welfare.

After which, the President of the Council, the Honorable Mr. Chief Justice Chipman, by His Excellency's command, declared the Assembly to be prorogued to the third Tuesday in September next.

WM. TYNG PETERS, *Clerk.*
