

same number of Bills, three of which, were the mere renewal of annual Acts, to which you stood pledged, and which required no discussion.

“ So much of intemperate heat has been manifested in all your proceedings, and you have shown such a prolonged and disrespectful inattention to matters submitted to your consideration by the other branches of the legislature, that whatever might be the moderation and forbearance exercised on their parts, a general good understanding is scarcely to be looked for, without a new Assembly.

“ I shall not particularly advert to other Acts, which appear to be unconstitutional infringements of the rights of the subject, repugnant to the very letter of that statute of the Imperial Parliament, under which you hold your seats; and to have been matured by proceedings, which amount to a dereliction of the first principles of natural justice; and I shall abstain, from any further enumeration of the causes by which I have been induced to adopt the determination, which I have taken, because, the part of your conduct, to which I have already referred, is obviously and in a high degree, detrimental to the best interests of the Country, such, as my duty to the Crown forbids me to countenance, and as compels me to have recourse to a dissolution, as the only constitutional means by which its recurrence may be prevented.

*“ Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and*

*“ Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

“ I shall give the necessary orders for calling the new Provincial Parliament, as soon as convenience will permit; and having no other object, and confident that no other will be attributed to me, but to preserve the true principles of the free and happy Constitution of the Province, and to employ the power entrusted to me by His Majesty, to the only end for which I have received it, the good of his subjects, I have an entire confidence in the electors, to whom I shall recur; trusting that by the choice of proper representatives, further mischiefs may be obviated, and the important interests of the Colony, considered in the next Session, with less interruption, and happier effect.

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