

ineligible, by an authority which they do not possess, another not inconsiderable class of the community.

Such an assumption, I should, at any rate, feel myself bound by every tie of duty to oppose; but, in consequence of the Expulsion of the Member for the County of *Quebec*, a vacancy in the representation for that County, has been declared; and it would be necessary that a new writ should issue, for the Election of another Member. That writ would be to be signed by me. Gentlemen, I cannot—dare not, render myself a partaker in a violation of an Act of the Imperial Parliament; and I know no other way, by which I can avoid becoming so, but that which I am pursuing.

When we met, I felt much satisfaction in the consciousness of having taken such steps, as I thought most likely to facilitate, indeed, I thought, would do away, every possible objection to a measure, that seemed to be wished for, and that, in itself, met my entire concurrence. But my objection; and the only objection that can, I think, exist in the mind of any reasonable man, to the eligibility of the Judges, arises from the possible effect that may be produced by the necessity it puts them under of soliciting the votes of the Electors. No well-grounded objection can be offered to their sitting in the House, when they are elected. On the contrary, their talents and superior knowledge, must render them highly useful; and, were it not for other considerations, highly desirable Members. I cannot but exceedingly lament that a measure, which I consider as beneficial to the country, should not have taken effect. The people, however, in the disappointment of their expectations, will do me the justice to acquit me, of being the cause of it; as they must equally acquit me of being the cause, that so little of the public business has been done.

After which, the Honorable Speaker of the Legislative Council said:

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

IT is the will and pleasure of his Excellency the Governor in Chief, that this Provincial Parliament be prorogued until Monday the Twenty-sixth day of March next, to be then here held; and this Provincial Parliament, is accordingly prorogued, until Monday the Twenty-sixth day of March next.

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