

An Act to authorise the apprehending of Felons and others escaping from the Provinces of *Upper Canada* and *New Brunswick* into this Province.

Mr. Speaker then presented to His Excellency a Bill passed by this House, intituled—

“ An Act for repealing certain Acts granting rates and duties to His Majesty, and for granting new and additional duties in lieu thereof; and for appropriating the same towards defraying the expences of the administration of justice and support of the Civil Government within this Province; and for other purposes therein mentioned:—to which he prayed His Excellency would please give the Royal Assent in His Majesty's name.

After which the Clerk of the Legislative Council announced, that his Excellency reserved this Bill for the signification of his Majesty's pleasure thereon.

His Excellency was then pleased to make the following Speech to both Houses—*Videlicet*:

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

IT has afforded me great satisfaction to observe during the present session a continuance of the same zealous attention to your Legislative duties, and to the general interests of the Province which I have had occasion to notice in your former proceedings.

*Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

The measures adopted by you for consolidating and improving the Provincial Revenue of the Crown, and for guarding it from all abuse, evince that you justly consider his Majesty's interests and those of his Subjects as inseparable, and cannot fail of producing the most beneficial effect.

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

In expressing my approbation of your proceedings I must further observe that the unanimity, loyalty and disinterestedness manifested by this first Provincial Parliament of *Lower Canada*, have never been surpassed in any of his Majesty's Provincial Dominions; and I feel convinced that the prosperity and happiness of this Country will continue to increase in proportion as succeeding Parliaments shall follow your laudable example.

And the Honorable Speaker of the Legislative Council said,

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Council,*

*And Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,*

It is his Excellency the Governor's will and pleasure that this Provincial Parliament be prorogued until Wednesday the fifteenth day of June next, to be then here held: And this Provincial Parliament is accordingly prorogued until Wednesday the fifteenth of June next.