

of proroguing, if the conditions above specified can be fulfilled, and if Mr. *Brown* and his colleagues see no objection.

(Signed)

ELMUND LEAD.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
Toronto, C. W., July 31, 1858.

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Mr. *Brown* has the honour to acknowledge receipt of His Excellency the Governor General's note of last night, with the accompanying memorandum.

Before receiving His Excellency's note, Mr. *Brown* had successfully fulfilled the duty intrusted to him by the Governor General, and will be prepared at the appointed hour this morning to submit for His Excellency's approval the names of the gentlemen whom he proposes to be associated with himself in the new Government.

Mr. *Brown* respectfully submits that, until they have assumed the functions of constitutional advisers of the Crown, he and his proposed colleagues will not be in a position to discuss the important measures and questions of public policy referred to in His Excellency's memorandum.

CHURCH STREET,  
Monday morning, 2nd Aug., 1858.

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*Memorandum for the consideration of His Excellency the Governor General.*

His Excellency's present advisers having accepted office on His Excellency's invitation, after the late administration had, by their resignation admitted their inability successfully to conduct the affairs of the country in a Parliament summoned under their own advice, and being unanimously of opinion that the constitutional recourse of an appeal to the people affords the best, if not the only, solution of existing difficulties, respectfully advise His Excellency to prorogue Parliament immediately with a view to a dissolution.

When His Excellency's present advisers accepted office they did not conceal from themselves the probability that they would be unable to carry on the Government with the present House of Assembly. That House, they believe, does not possess the confidence of the country: and the public dis-satisfaction has been greatly increased by the numerous and glaring acts of corruption and fraud by which many seats were obtained at the last general election, and for which acts the House, though earnestly petitioned so to do, has failed to afford a remedy.

For some years past strong sectional feelings have arisen in the country, which, especially during the present Session, have seriously impeded the carrying on of