

And then His Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech to both Houses.

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

**I** AM come down here, for the purpose of proroguing the present Parliament.—And, upon a mature consideration of the circumstances that have taken place, I am to inform you, of my determination of again referring to the sense of the people, by an immediate dissolution.

Called again to the unpleasant exercise of one of the functions of His Majesty's prerogative with which I am entrusted, I feel it to be again expedient, that I should state to you, and that through you, which is indeed the only channel of communication that I have with them, the people may be distinctly informed of the motives by which I am actuated.

Whatever might be my personal wishes, or however strong might be my desire, that the public business should suffer no interruption, I feel, that, on this occasion, nothing is left to my discretion; it has been rendered impossible for me to act otherwise, than in the way I am proposing.

The House of Assembly has taken upon themselves, without the participation of the other branches of the Legislature, to pass a vote, that a Judge of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench, cannot sit, nor vote, in their House. However I might set aside the personal feelings which would not be unnatural in me, as to the mode in which this transaction has been conducted towards myself; there is another, and infinitely higher consideration, arises out of it, which I must not overlook.

It is impossible for me to consider what has been done, in any other light, than as a direct violation of an Act of the Imperial Parliament;—of that Parliament which conferred on you the Constitution, to which you profess to owe your present prosperity; nor can I do otherwise, than consider the House of Assembly as having, unconstitutionally, disfranchised a large portion of His Majesty's Subjects, and rendered in-