

cellency was pleased to give His assent to the following Bills, viz.

I. A Bill intituled "An Act for more effectually securing the Titles of Purchasers and Incumbrancers of Real Estates, against claims of Dower."

II. A Bill intituled "An Act to continue an Act to enable Creditors more easily to recover their Debts from Co Partners and Joint Debtors."

III. A Bill intituled "An Act to regulate the measure of Ton Timber, Boards, and all other kinds of Lumber, and to repeal two certain Acts, made and passed in the 14th and 57th years of his late Majesty's Reign, and also for declaring what shall be deemed Merchantable, and for appointing Officers to survey the same."

After which His Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech, viz.

"Mr. President, and Gentlemen of his Majesty's Council,

"Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly,

HAVING convened you for the purpose mentioned at the opening of the Session, which has been duly regarded on your parts, and having been given to understand, that no further public Business requires attention, I feel disposed, to relieve you, from the inconvenience of further application to the affairs of the Colony, at a distance from the homes and the avocations of several of you. But I cannot allow the General Assembly to separate, without expressing my grateful sentiments to you Gentlemen Members of His Majesty's Council, for your constant œconomical care of the Public Revenue, and for the assistance I have ever received from you in your executive capacity, on that important point, well acquainted as I must be, with your integrity and sound judgment, on such matters, I must not withhold from you, this my most public testimony to that effect, ascribing to your assistance, the actual state of the pecuniary affairs of the Colony, which may well challenge scrutiny, and need not shrink from remark.

"I am happy to have had in my power to concur with both Houses on the Bills which have been presented, but it is impossible for me to pass unnoticed some of the proceedings of the Lower House, which have formally come to my knowledge, through the Copies of their Journals, which have been communicated. From them it appears, that certain Resolutions, reflecting upon me, have been adopted, and an Address to His Majesty framed and founded on them, which is to be transmitted through his Excellency the Governor in Chief, a measure equally extraordinary and unnecessary, in as much, as I should myself, if I had been applied to, readily co-operated in any such measure, that would have attracted His Majesty's attention to my conduct, whose faithful Servant I am.

"The Address in question would thus have reached the Throne, unquestionably much sooner, and let me add, with more certainty, as it remains to be seen, what conduct His Lordship may feel it consistent with his duty to adopt, on so delicate a point as the interposing in the political concerns of a distant Colony.

"Under any circumstances my hearty and earnest desire to promote the public welfare will continue undiminished, feeling as I trust I ever shall, superior to all party politics, and necessarily regarding with both regret and wonder, those who allow themselves to be hurried away by them.

"C. DOUGLASS SMITH,

"Lt. Govr.

"August 10th, 1820."

After which the President of His Majesty's Council, by His Excellency's command, said,

"Gentlemen,

"It is his Excellency the Lieut. Governor's will and pleasure, that this General Assembly be prorogued to Tuesday the Fourth day of September next, to be then here held, and this General Assembly is accordingly prorogued to the Fourth day of September next."

God save the King.