

Under these new circumstances, as produced by the new demand of the House, the ordinary duty of the Officer administering the Government would be to prorogue the Parliament indefinitely, and to submit the whole subject to Her Majesty and the Imperial Parliament. But as he has before, in his anxiety to do what he thought would be serviceable and agreeable to the people of the Colony, taken steps and incurred responsibilities beyond the ordinary duty of an accidental and temporary administrator of the Government, so now, with the same dispositions towards the Colonists, he clings to the hope that legislation by the General Assembly may not be indefinitely suspended, and trusting that a majority of the House may yet, after reflection, be willing to co-operate with him in passing laws which are greatly needed by the Colony, he intends forthwith to prorogue the Parliament for but a short period, and to lay before them when they re-assemble his views of what the wants and best interests of the Colony demand.

In the meanwhile it will be his endeavour to add to the Executive Council such a number of members, being members of the Legislature, as shall give to all the Provinces an effectual voice and influence in both the Legislative and Executive proceedings of the head of the Government: and he further intends, with the view of accelerating as much as possible the establishment of complete Ministerial Responsibility in New Zealand, to despatch without delay to Her Majesty's Government an earnest request that they may be pleased, either by means of the Royal prerogative, or by the aid of Parliament, to enable the General Assembly to pass an effectual measure for establishing Responsible Government in this Colony according to the forms and usages of the British Constitution.

After the brief recess of the General Assembly, its two Houses will determine whether it may not be expedient for them to concur with the Officer administering the Government, in passing a Bill for the same purpose, (which of course would be reserved for her Majesty's assent,) so that no means may be neglected of acquiring for the Colony in the shortest possible time a political institution to which the House do not attach more importance, and which they are not more desirous of obtaining for this Colony than the Officer administering the Government.

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