

Then was read the Opinion of his Majestys Atty General Lib. x.  
& Council at Law to whom the Question this Day by his  
Excellency proposed to the Board about the General Assem-  
bly meeting was likewise Referred to make report thereon  
which is as Followeth viz<sup>t</sup>

To his Excellency the Governor & Council

I have considered the Question & perused Authoritys  
treating of the Subject and find that it is his Majestys Pre-  
rogative Royal to call Prorogue & adjourn Parliaments at his  
Royal will & Pleasure & I take it that his Majesty hath dele-  
gated his Authority for the Government of this Province in  
that point on your Excellency with the advice of the honble  
Council some peculiars to his Majesty reserved

That taking as we ought the Kings Pleasure & will to have  
a constant Regard to the Nations Good and Welfare I am  
inclined to the Opinion that his Majesty on great & Emer-  
gent Occasions by virtue of the Perogative Royal may call a  
Parliament sooner than the precedent adjournment appointed  
but this I have not any express Authority for at present but  
by a rational deduction of the Premises & if it may be so in  
the Primative

It may on like Occasions be so here in the Derivative p. 207  
which is humbly Submitted to your Excellencys Considera-  
tion by

Your Obedient & faithful Serv<sup>t</sup>

W<sup>m</sup> Dent

I am of the same opinion

Geo Plater

It being Represented to his Excellency that the Court  
of Chancery the Court of Governor and Council for hearing  
appeals & the Commissarys Court of Probate of Wills now  
Stand appointed & adjourned until the 23<sup>d</sup> of February next  
at which time it is feared the Suitors will by the hard weather  
be impeded from attending the said Courts his Excellency is  
pleased with the Advice of this Board to issue his Proclama-  
tion for the further deferring & adjourning the said Courts  
until the 15<sup>th</sup> of March next ensuing

His Excellency tells the Gentlemen of the Council that he  
is sorry to understand that their respective Habitations are at  
such considerable Distance from this Place the Seat of Gov<sup>t</sup>  
he having already experienced the Inconveniency & difficulty  
of calling them together upon any special Occasion therefore as-  
sures them that he will never give them the trouble of meeting  
but when his Majestys Service especially requires it, for  
which upon all such occasions he will be glad to have their  
Advice & expects their due Attendance