

bread, some real benefits would have resulted from the agitation. He (Mr. C.) thought the Proprietors were entitled to a fair compensation for the lands they claimed—and in accordance with this view, he had prepared a Bill, authorizing a purchase from those Proprietors who would be inclined to sell. This measure contemplated, that, by making the upset price of the lands 5s. sterling per acre, payable in 20 years with interest, the tenantry, at the end of that period, would be placed in the proud position of Freeholders—(cheers.) It gave him (Mr. C.) much satisfaction to notice their approval of the measure; and he trusted that, if accomplished, it would bring the farmer and the present owners of the soil, on more agreeable relations to each other than had subsisted between them for many years. It was a gratifying fact that very few of the Land Proprietors, not two he believed of any extraordinary stake, joined the Official clique in their present designs against the Governor. It was true, a few agents and expectants made themselves extremely busy in endeavouring to delude the tenantry to sign the Petition which one of their members had on that day so thoroughly exposed. It is natural these agents should be opposed to any party or any Governor that would be favorable to a purchase of the Lands, as Sir Henry certainly was, because they would be the greatest losers by such a measure. But they have been thoroughly whipped in all their late political manoeuvres, and he (Mr. C.) had no doubt that they, (the meeting) would display a readiness on that occasion to complete their discomfiture. On taking his seat Mr. C. was again loudly cheered.

D. MACDONALD, Esq. M. P. P. briefly addressed the Meeting. He said it was gratifying to observe a member of the Government taking so active a part in the affairs of the country. Such a thing was not usual on this Island; the co-operation of a member of the Government with the people, was calculated to inspire the latter with hope and confidence in the justice and integrity of the former.

JOHN MACINTOSH, Esq. M. P. P. delivered a short speech, characterized by his customary shrewdness and original thought. He had given, he said, his support to the appointment of Mr. Coles to the Council, and he had never performed an act of which he had more reason to be proud.

The Resolutions were then read, and proposed, all of which, as will be seen, were unanimously carried.

1st. Whereas this Meeting having seen and heard read, a Petition addressed to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, praying Her not to continue Sir Henry Vere Huntley in the command of this Colony. *And whereas* the said Petition sets forth various causes of complaint against His Excellency, which have not been proven by the parties instrumental in preparing the Petition, and which appear to this Meeting to be of a frivolous and futile character, inasmuch as the said causes of complaint do not affect the general interests and condition of the great majority of the People of this Island.—*And whereas* the Petition before adverted to, having been concocted and distributed throughout the Island by about fourteen individuals residing in Charlottetown, who are chiefly Shopkeepers, and their emissaries, or servants. *And whereas* the said parties never heretofore having been known to concern themselves in the general interests of the country; and this meeting believing them to be under the controul—arising from pecuniary and other causes—and instigated by the long-dominant Family Compact of Charlottetown—a body who have invariably opposed themselves to the dearest Rights and Privileges of the People—especially to the introduction of Responsible Government—and to the settlement of the Land Tenure.—*And whereas* the said Petition has been entrusted to the charge of Joseph Pope, Esq., and the Hon. Edward Palmer, by the fourteen individuals and their emissaries before referred to, to be by them presented to Her Majesty's Government—the first of the said Delegates being a well-known enemy to the interests of the country, and to all liberal principles and measures, and having been lately suspended from the office of Executive Councillor, for an unprincipled opposition to the Head of the Government—and the latter Delegate, who still holds a seat in the Executive Council—contrary to British constitutional practice, having, as a Member of the Assembly, and of the Council, always aimed to strengthen the power of the Compact, and having opposed, in the last Session, the introduction of the Responsible system of Government—having been opposed, in former years, to the settlement of the Land Question,—and, in short, having by his votes and his influence, struggled to frustrate every measure of Reform, urged and agitated by the Liberal Party.

Be it therefore Resolved, That this Meeting wholly dissents from the prayer of the Petition—grounded, as it evidently is, on the evil designs of a Faction—that it is unwarranted by any just causes of complaint against

His Excellency's administration, and entrusted to the care of individuals—so notoriously opposed to our principles and interests, and so unworthy of our confidence. Passed unanimously. J. JARDINE, Chairman.

2nd. *Resolved*, That this Meeting has noticed, with extreme gratification, evidences of a disposition on the part of Sir Henry Vere Huntley, during the last 12 months, to administer his Government on a just and liberal policy; and this meeting believes that, with a rightly-constituted Council, His Excellency's continuance in office would be the means of introducing, as far as might be consistent with the wants and circumstances of the Colony, that sound constitutional Rule, conceded by the Right Honourable Lord John Russell in 1839; and which has since been anxiously looked for, by the people of this Island, as the only real safeguard of colonial liberty and prosperity. Passed unanimously. J. JARDINE, Chairman.

3rd. *Resolved*, That so long as Sir Henry Vere Huntley continues to manifest the disposition indicated in the last Resolution, he is justly entitled to, and will promptly receive our confidence and support. *And further Resolved*, That we highly approve of the spirit of the Petition presented to this Meeting, praying Her Majesty to continue His Excellency in the Government; and that we use our exertions, in every honourable way, to support the prayer of the said Petition. Passed unanimously. J. JARDINE, Chairman.

4th. *Resolved*. That this Meeting has viewed, with much alarm, the introduction of a system which they believe does not prevail in any other Dependency of the Empire, and would not be tolerated in Britain—namely, a system of opposition to the Head of the Government by persons receiving its emoluments and professing to act as its servants,—and they are aware that certain officials are now acting, both openly and covertly, in defaming the Lieutenant Governor, and in using the influence which their offices bestow to induce unthinking persons to sign the Petition for the non-continuance of His Excellency in the Government; and this Meeting believes such conduct to be incompatible with the duties of subordinate officers, and must greatly tend to embarrass the Government—to engender falsehood, faction and sedition—to be at variance with any pretensions to independence of feeling and honesty of purpose,—and to be directly contrary to the spirit and tenor of the following extract from a Despatch, addressed by the Right Honourable W. E. Gladstone, on the 28th May, 1846, to Sir H. V. Huntley:

"I have received the Queen's commands to direct you to convey to the House of Assembly the assurance, that it is Her Majesty's desire that the Officer Administering the Government of Prince Edward Island, and that all the subordinate officers of that Government, should merit and obtain (as it is Her Majesty's injunction that they should cultivate) the confidence of the Representatives of the people inhabiting the Island, by every measure which can be pursued for that purpose, consistently with their duty to the Crown, and to the Colony at large."

Passed unanimously. J. JARDINE, Chairman.

5th. *Resolved*, That a Committee of three competent persons be appointed for each Township, to obtain signatures to the Petition to the Queen, for retaining Sir H. V. Huntley in the Government of this Island, and that such Committees do use every diligence in order that the Petition be transmitted to Charlottetown before the 28th inst.

Passed unanimously. J. JARDINE, Chairman.

The following persons were appointed a Committee in accordance with the above Resolution:

In Lot 38. E. B. Alleyne, Norman McPhee, and John McDonald, Esq.

Lot 39. D. Hickey, M. Mullaly, M. Hogan, Jun.

Lot 40. M. Scully, E. Doran, Donald McKay.

Lot 41. Mathew Reval, Donald McMullen, Angus McDonald, Cable Head.

North Side St. Peter's Bay. Donald Gillis, John McGuinness.

Lot 42. B. Ryan, Donald McKinnon, Alex. Robinson.

Lot 55. Ronald Campbell, Francis Durian, Hugh Campbell, Bartlett Allan.

Lot 56. John Haffy, James Curran, Richard Flynn.

6th. *Resolved*, That this Meeting, having heard the Resolutions passed at a Public Meeting at Malpeque read (and which were ordered to be printed in the *Royal Gazette* and *Examiner* newspapers), with great pleasure—this meeting heartily concurs with the same. Passed unanimously. J. JARDINE, Chairman.

7th. *Resolved*, That His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor Sir Henry Vere Huntley be kindly requested to transmit the foregoing Resolutions to Earl Grey, Her Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies. Passed unanimously. J. JARDINE, Chairman.

8th. *Resolved*, That we fully approve of the conduct of our Representatives, during the last Session, as well as during the existing agitation in reference to the continuance of Sir H. V. Huntley, in the Government of the Island. Passed unanimously. J. JARDINE, Chairman.

9th. *Resolved*, That we gratefully acknowledge the services of the Hon. George Coles, exhibited in his steady adherence to the principles of the Liberal Party

throughout the Island, and in his attendance at this Meeting.

Passed unanimously. J. JARDINE, Chairman.

10th. *Resolved*, That the proceedings of this meeting be forwarded to the Editors of the *Royal Gazette* and the *Examiner* Newspapers, with a request that the said proceedings be published in those papers.

Passed unanimously. J. JARDINE, Chairman.

Several of the above Resolutions called forth speeches from some of the Gentlemen on the platform, but which we have not space to notice. A large number of people then crowded round the Secretary's Table, eager to subscribe their names to the Petition for His Excellency's continuance in the Government. Persons who had signed the other Petition likewise came forward, frankly acknowledging the deception that had been practised upon them by Messrs. Pope's and Palmer's emissaries, and redeemed at once, in part, their error, by signing the only Petition supported by truth and justice, and so closely identified with their liberty and happiness.

About twilight the meeting began to separate, giving many a significant proof of the pleasure they experienced from the opportunity they had of doing "some service to the state." For several moments after the retirement of the Chairman, whose zeal and discretion won for him "golden opinions from all sorts of people," the brave hearts and the strong voices of the hardy yeomanry made the welkin ring with their plaudits, in honour of our Queen and her Representative in P. E. Island; and ere the echo of the joyous sounds had died away, it was caught up by the crews of two vessels lying at anchor in the Bay—sons of the soil, whose bosoms throbbed to the sentiments which animated the meeting—and the cheers again swelled upon the breeze and mingled with the wild waves' roar.

Early in the evening a party of the gentlemen present at the meeting sat down to a well-filled table, provided by the Messrs. Sutherland, that could not fail in tempting the palate of the veriest epicure. Here the exciting topics of the day were for a while forgotten in "the feast of reason and the flow of soul;" and indeed it was remarked, that some of the gentlemen who had forsaken the platform for the platter, cut up their mutton as zealously as they cut up their political antagonists an hour before.

Yesterday's Mail brought some of the Returns from the Committee appointed at the Meeting above described. When we inform our readers that 1100 signatures form the result of three days' labour, they will agree with us that the men of King's county are doing their duty nobly. We think it right, however, to urge upon the committee the necessity there is for a continuance of exertion, if there be room for exertion. The false tongues of the common enemy do not cease to wag wherever there is a countryman that may be deceived. Let the committee remember an old saw, which says, 'we may as well burn the candle as burn the inch,' and take the lesson it inculcates. Go to every settlement, visit every house, if you have not done so ere this, for there may be still many who have neither the opportunity nor the energy to come to you. So far, your work has not discredited your resolves: you should ascertain speedily whether or not 'tis finished.

THE ADMIRAL'S VISIT.

The insinuations that have been made and purposely circulated, with the usual malice of the Clique who support the notable delegation which has gone to England to dictate the removal of the Lieutenant Governor, are so peurile and ridiculous that they were not, before an extract from the Admiral's letter was published in the *Islander*, worthy either of refutation or notice; but as they form a fair specimen of the disingenuous colouring with which the Collard party is prepared to bedaub, with its characteristic dirt and falsehood, every the most indifferent transaction, with the view of affixing to the Lieutenant Governor some shade of criminality or improper design. We think it right to make allusion to the circumstance, that the public may be cautioned against the course which is pursued; for even in the country the usual industry with which slander is circulated, even in this ridiculous form, has not been asleep. We republished the extract in our last No. without note or comment; but in order to draw the attention of our readers to the matter, we now repeat the insertion:

"The following is an extract from a Note addressed