

to Lord Goderich that the arms are not required;" and His Excellency then said "the House perhaps knew more about drilling the Militia than he did." (Thus he repeated several times). His Excellency was then asked if he referred to the appointment of two Sub-Inspectors of Militia, and the additional expense that would be incurred by such appointments; to which His Excellency replied he did mean the resolution of the House on that subject; that as no pay was allowed to Adjutants, he could not obtain any returns from the Commanding Officers of Battalions; but he knew he could with a stroke of his pen place them in the ranks; that he mentioned this now, as he would not make it a subject of communication to the House. Then, he said, as to the conduct of the House with reference to the Salary offered to him last Session, which the House knew he could not accept as an annual grant, he would ask us, with what motive did the House offer it, but to keep him in a state of subservency. He could inform us that he had communicated his message rejecting the same, to Lord Goderich, which, he was happy to say, had met his Lordship's approbation. (Here he read an extract from a despatch to that effect). The House, he said, had voted a Salary to his predecessor for seven years, and you must be well aware, he added, of the motives that induced you to do so—What, he continued, must my feelings have been, when a vote was offered to me which you knew I could not accept, especially as I had previously communicated my sentiments on the subject to several members of the House; and if you had had the feelings of gentlemen you would not have done so, after the statement I had made. He also said that he hoped the Officers of the Government would not be dependent on us—that he took this opportunity of speaking to us, as he would not condescend to make the subject of a communication to the House; and further, as he was going to write on the subject, that we might not hereafter have it to say that he had acted underhandly.

Mr. Pope then begged to ask what he should acquaint the House was His Excellency's answer to the Address he had delivered; to which he replied, he would consider of it.

THOMAS OWEN,
JOSEPH POPE,
DANIEL BRENNAN.

I believe the above statement to be correct with the exception of the words "if you, had had the feelings of gentlemen you would not have done so," (alluding to the annual grant.) as I understood His Excellency to say that the manner in which the House had acted towards him last Session, was insulting to his feelings as a gentleman.

PATRICK CODY.

Messrs. Owen, Pope, Brennan, Cody, and Hugh McDonald, were individually examined in their places. The latter gentleman did not sign the above statement although he believed "the Report to be in substance correct, save and except that part reserved by Mr. Cody." On the question being put why he refused to sign the report, he said, "I considered the conversation which took place to be of a private nature, and I do not feel myself bound to answer questions as to any private conversation which passes outside of the doors of this House, unless the words expressed should be of a treasonable nature."

The three former gentlemen seemed to coincide in opinion that His Excellency's manner was "strongly expressive of disapprobation and contempt." On re-examining Mr. H. McDonald said, "It appeared to me that His Excellency was a little warm, and felt indignant at the House offering him an annual grant, when, as he said, they knew he could not receive it;" and a little further said "he considered the whole to be desultory conversation, unnecessary to be reported to the House."

The following Resolutions were then unanimously agreed to.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the House of Assembly has always endeavoured to maintain a good understanding with the other branches of the Legislature, and has studiously observed in all its communications with His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor the respect due to him as His Majesty's Representative—and it deeply regrets that the verbal communication made yesterday by His Excellency to the Members of two Committees of the House of Assembly, who had occasion to wait upon his Excellency in the discharge of the duties respectively entrusted to them, was not in accordance with that courtesy which was due to the House of Assembly as a branch of the Legislature.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this Committee, that His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor in making various charges of inconsistency and want of courtesy against the House of Assembly, in the communication alluded to, seems to have laboured under a total misconception of the motives which have ever actuated the House in the discharge of its important duties; and notwithstanding that this Committee considers these charges and allusions uncalled for and unmerited, yet from an anxious desire that the public business of the Colony should not be retarded, it recommends the House to proceed therewith in that spirit of harmony which it has ever been so desirous to cultivate.

Mar. 20.—The following Message was received from His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor.
"A. W. YOUNG, Lieutenant Governor.

"The Lieutenant Governor observes on the Journals of the House of Assembly of

the 16th inst. (received this day)—two Resolutions framed upon a Report of the Committee of the House of Assembly, who waited upon the Lieutenant Governor on Friday the 15th, with two addresses, from which it would appear that in a conversation which then took place, the House are under the impression that the Lieutenant Governor's manner was indicative of a want of courtesy towards the House.

"The Lieutenant Governor regrets the interpretation that has been given to his manner upon the occasion alluded to, and can only assure the House that the idea of intending to shew any want of courtesy towards them, never for an instant was contemplated by him, and that he should have hoped that his previous conduct towards them, individually and collectively, would not have justified their encouraging such an impression.

"At the moment previous to the Committee being announced, the Lieutenant Governor had been reading from the Journals of February the 15th the report of the Committee upon Major Rankin's Petition, wherein his attention was drawn to that part of the Report, which states, that the Committee cannot recommend to the House, "to sanction any measure whereby the industrious classes will be taken from their farms and compelled to attend Militia Musters;" and the expression of inconsistency to which the Lieutenant Governor gave utterance, arose from the strong application made by the House of Assembly for a supply of Arms and Accoutrements, when it might be inferred from the above paragraph, that a Mititia was considered unnecessary.

"As regards that part of the conversation which related individually to himself, the Lieutenant Governor disclaims altogether any intention of reflecting upon the House in the manner for which his observation was conveyed to them by three of the Committee.

"The Lieutenant Governor, in allusion to the grant made to him last Session by the House of Assembly, expressed his surprise that the House could reconcile it to itself to offer him a grant in a way in which many, if not the whole, of the House of Assembly were aware was contrary to his instructions to receive.

"The Lieutenant Governor also observed, "how could they expect any gentleman, or any man of gentlemanly feelings to accept it, in the manner alluded to;" and not that the House was wanting in gentlemanly feelings in offering it.

"The Lieutenant Governor continues, as he has ever been, anxious to preserve a good understanding with the House of Assembly, sensible that the interest and welfare of the country will be best con-

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"March 19th, 1833."