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ADDRESS TO HIS EXCELLENCY ON THE STATE OF THE COLONY.

(*Continued.*)

The Hon. Mr. BIRNIE in the Chair.

The Hon. Mr. GRAY.—Your Honors, there is one principle in this Address now before your Honors which, without for one instant admitting the principle, that your Honors have a right to bring such a Motion before this House; yet, the paragraph is such, that I cannot permit such language to pass without comment. But, with your Honor's permission, I will read the paragraph.

"And thus it is proposed to Your Excellency to introduce ingredients of Government from the United States, into the Constitution of this, Her Majesty's Colony, to which Her majesty's Subjects are averse."

Now, your Honors, I assert that such a monstrous assumption, is a grave insult to the loyalty of the people of this Colony, who, in returning the present overwhelming majority, which is now deliberating for the good of the people in the Lower House, shewed plainly that they were dissatisfied with the workings of Responsibility, as attempted to be carried out by the late Government. While I can never forget my loyalty to Her Majesty, neither can I forget what is due to as loyal, peaceable, and intelligent a body of Yeomanry, as any in Her Majesty's Dominions—Their loud cry for Responsible Government in its purity, as carried out in Canada—has been ringing in my ears since I arrived here, nearly two years ago, and with this cry, I entirely coincide. If your Honors will allow me, I will just read the 2d paragraph of the last Act, which was passed in that Country, and which was assented to in the month of June last; and your Honors will see, that by it, the Treasurer there, is excluded from a Seat in the Legislature, (here his Honor read the Section he referred to). And I will tell your Honors, that the good sense of the people of this Colony, will save them from allowing their best interests to be a prey to either the views of interested individuals within these walls, or to the insidious designs, of needy adventurers without; and, when I consider that a majority of your Honors in this House, were either placed in your Seats by, or held office under, the late Government, for the sake of my fellow countrymen, I may well exclaim, wise indeed, was the determination by which, in our own beloved Constitution, good care was taken, that the equilibrium of the two Houses should never be so exactly balanced, that the end should be a sacrifice to the means; and the irresistible rights of the Representatives of the people, be invaded, their labours rendered abortive, and their acts held in obeyance.

The Hon. Mr. HOLL.—After what his Honor Col. Gray has stated, I see but one course to be pursued in disposing of the motion for an Address to His Excellency, and that is by voting against it. Were we to propose any amendment, we should be admitting a principle which we deem unconstitutional, in asmuch as it interferes with the privileges of the popular branch of the Legislature, from which, such matter should originate. His Honor has shewn that the system of Responsible Government, which we advocate, already prevails in Canada, the Chief of these Provinces, and that is sufficient to satisfy us. One thing is perfectly clear, that if the Address proposed by your Honors, be adopted, and be permitted to produce the effects anticipated, Responsible Government does not exist in this Colony, the nominees of the Crown being allowed to overrule the Representatives of the people. I shall, therefore vote against it.

His Honor the PRESIDENT. I must reply to the extraordinary remarks of his Honor Mr. Gray. His Honor has thought proper to impute motives in applying the words "interested individuals in this House, and insidious designs of needy adventurers outside." Language such as this, I must tell his Honor, ought not to be used at this Board. Either the members of the majority in this House are interested, or they are not. Sir, I for one claim to be as perfectly disinterested as any one in this House is, or can be, and as honest too let me say in the advocacy of my opinions. His Honor Mr. Holl has said that he is disinterested—that he sought not office, [the Hon. Mr. Holl "I said I never received a shilling of the public money nor sought for a situation."] Well, be it so,—if his Honor claims political purity I, Sir, do the same as do also, I have no doubt, the members of the majority in this House,—I repeat, I am not interested either on the one side or the other. As to the insidious motives he alludes to outside, I have only to say that I know of none whatever.—But his Honor says this is a monstrous assumption, [His Honor Mr. Gray "these are exactly my words."] Let us look and see whether they are so monstrous, so very dreadful, so exceedingly direful, so very apprehensive, I look upon that clause which his Honor considers so very objectionable as stating a fact, a fact, Sir, which our opponents here cannot controvert—the kind of Responsible Government sought for, by the party in power at present, is one which does not require the Heads of departments to be in the Legislature, is in fact an assimilation to that which obtains in the United States, as any one may easily satisfy himself, who will will read the Islander Newspaper. (Here there was some slight confusion, several hon. gentlemen speaking at a time, and the Hon. Mr. Swabey rose to order, observing at the same time, that it was the first time since he had the honor to have a seat at that Board, he had heard intierested motives imputed to hon. members, and he hoped that it would be the last.) His Honor the President then continued.—The *Royal Gazette* no doubt is the newspaper recognised by the Government, but, Sir, if I see a newspaper conducted by the same Editor, and printed in the same establishment, I conceive that I have a right to consider that paper also to be the organ of the Government. I have not been asleep, Sir, not to be wide awake to what is going on, Duncan McLean—Yes, I state his name openly—would, I believe, introduce into this Island republican principles if he were able to do so, for I maintain that his editorials have all a tendency to undermine the constitution of Great Britain, and therfore I contend that that Address is not a monstrous assumption as has been gravely asserted, but an undoubted fact. I am told, too, that in that Address is contained an insult to the inhabitants of this Island, and that Responsible Government as carried out by the late Government, was not the pure sample of Responsible Government it was represented to be. Sir, I admit no such position, and yesterday I heard his Honor (Mr. Gray) delcare that he was in favour of Responsible Government, [the hon. Mr. Gray "Yes."] I look upon Responsible Government as departmental Government, and that it cannot be carried on with benefit to a country in any other way, for otherwise, it is not self government. Moreover, Sir, I feel assured that the people of this Colony will not consider any paragraph in that address or and sentiment conveyed by it as an insult, for it does not,—turn and twist it as hon. gentlemen may,—at all reflect on their loyalty. I myself, Sir, came from a country noted for its loyalty, and am ready, were such necessary, to shed the last drop of my Scottish blood in defence of Great Britain and her glorious constitution; and if I thought there was either treason or disloyalty manifested or concealed in that document, I would be the first man to vote against it—the first one to suppress it. His Honor Mr. Gray also says that the people here are not satisfied with the kind of responsibility we enjoyed under the late Government, but, Sir I entertain not even the shadow of a doubt that if an opportunity were afforded them the present minority in the other branch of the legislature would swell at once into a majority and the weak and flimsy Government of the present day would be shattered to atoms. Such is my thorough conviction, and such too the opinion of all men who can read the signs of the times and will honestly avow their sentiments—of all indeed who have the opportunity of forming a due estimate of public opinion as it now exists. His Honor likewise in support of his view of the question introduces the Canadian Statute Book in which is contained a law which was passed last June relative to the new Franchise in that county, and which specifies the several officers who should not hold seats in the legislature of that Province. Now, judging from his Honor's manner one would almost fancy that he expected we should have fallen down below the table and not have been able to raise our voices against it, but tremble beneath the weight of so overwhelming an argument. I, however Sir, so far from having been driven from my position by it, regard it not a straw but stand up as boldly as ever to oppose it. The act which his Honor produces is one which was passed in 1853, two years after we had received the boon of self government. No such Statute had passed in Canada in the year 1851. Why, if it had been so much the wish of the people here as his Honor asserts, did the majority of the legislature not pass such an act as the Canada one in the year 1851? If they had, our mouths would have been shut by it now, but instead of that we received a better constitution—a far higher boon. Supposing that in Nova Scotia, for instance they had passed an act there similay to the Canada one, are we, I would ask, in any ways bound by the Legislature of Nova Scotia? of that of New Brunswick? or even of that of England, unless the name of Prince Edward Island were embodied in the act? But happily for us, Her majesty the Queen has most graciously allowed us the high privilege of passing such laws as we, in our opinion, may deem to be conducive to our welfare, so long as they are not contrary to the spirit of the British Constitution or to the general policy of the Empire. So that this knock-me-down argument of his Honor, falls harmless to the ground and goes for nothing. But why I also ask do they not introduce such a Bill here now? His Honor Mr. Holl can if he chooses bring such a one forward as can also his Honor Mr. Gray. I only say, let them try it, and see what will be its fate. As then it is plain as the sun at noon day that we are not bound by the act his Honor Mr. Gray has submitted to our consideration for the purpose of establishing the position he has assumed, I hope and nothing doubt that your Honor's will continue to be of the same mind as you were yesterday, indeed I cannot see how it is possible for your Honors to come to any other conclusion.

The hon. Mr. SWABEY.—I think your Honors are all perfectly astray with regard to the construction you put upon the Canada Statute, for I maintain that the clause of it which has been read should be taken in a sense quite contrary to the one you have put upon it. (Here the hon. Mr. Gray observed that very probably, according to the tortuous policy pursued by his Honor since his first nomination to a seat in this House, his Honor does put upon it quite a contrary construction.) The hon. Mr. Swabey then went on to say, that he did not think, that such language was Parliamentary, his Honor read the Canada Act, commenting on it and shewing that the officers named in it, viz. the Colonial Secretary, Attorney General, Commissioner of public works, Receiver General &c. were not eligible in Canada to serve in Parliament but were in fact contemplated by that very act to be in the Legislature,—that in short their Honors had read the Act entirely wrong—the hon. gentleman then continued—I maintain Sir, that the Receiver General and the Treasurer is one and the same person, but before I sit down, I must appeal to his Honor (Mr. Gray) and beg to tell him, that it has been the custom in this House, for hon. Members to use such expressions as "tortuous policy" or "interested motives" to each other, and I think, moreover, that the peace and dignity of this House, are better observed when such unparliamentary words are not used, (the hon. Mr. Gray acquiesced in this opinion.) His Honor (Mr. Gray) has stated that a large number of the members, were either placed in this House by, or held office under, the late Government; Why, Sir, all that were members of