

Committee believe that it warranted the Governor in making the changes desired by the House of Assembly.

3. That in the answer by the House to the Governor's Speech they expressed their want of confidence in the Executive Council by a vote of seventeen to three.

4. That there appearing no intention on the part of the Executive to concede the changes requisite, this House of Assembly resolved they would not put the money of the people into the management of men in whom they had expressed a want of confidence.

5. That thereafter on the 14th March a verbal message from the Governor was delivered by Mr. Thornton, a member of the Executive Council, in his place as a member of the House, to the effect that His Excellency had received an important Despatch on the subject of Responsible Government by the last night's mail, and requesting the House to suspend any proceedings contemplated in consequence of His Excellency's reply to the Address of the House, until such time as the Despatch in question should be communicated to them, which would be with as little delay as possible.

6. That the House acceded to the request of His Excellency and proceeded with the public business.

7. That an extract from a Confidential Despatch transmitted by the Right Hon. Earl Grey, to the Lieut. Governor of this Island, bearing date 18th February, was communicated to the House of Assembly on the 14th of March instant; and the Committee believe, that though the former Despatch of the 27th of December, 1849, may be regarded as doubtful and ambiguous in its references to Responsible Government, there can be no doubt the Lieutenant Governor would be fully authorized by the extract of the Confidential Despatch, in putting into immediate practice the principles of Responsible Government.

8. That the arrangements offered in regard to the provision of the Chief Justice were satisfactory to that officer, and that to the other officers, were as liberal as their claims and the circumstances of the Colony warranted.

9. That the Governor will only agree to allow three enjoying the confidence of this House to be called to a Council consisting of nine members, and that such an arrangement is a denial of Responsible Government.

10. That as all the Members of Her Majesty's Executive Council have resigned their Seats to His Excellency, there does not now exist any impediment in the way of His Excellency to remodel his Executive Council, in accordance with the principles of Responsible Government, that the Assembly may be enabled to proceed with business.

11. That as the arrangements offered by the majority of the House through two of their body have not been acceded to, this Committee recommend the House to resume the procedure indicated by their resolution of the 12th March,—and which is as follows:—"Resolved, that it be recommended to the House to appoint a Committee to draw up an Address to Her Majesty stating the grounds on which the House has been obliged to pass a vote of want of confidence in the Executive Council of this Colony, and that as a consequence they are under the necessity of refusing the supplies until the Government of this Island shall be remodelled so as to enjoy the confidence of the people, and that the monies which shall in future be taken from the people shall be expended judiciously and for their benefit, or in other words, until the people of this Colony obtain what is usually termed Responsible Government.

Yesterday evening, when the House again resolved itself into a Committee of the whole on the State of the Colony, an Address to the Queen was under discussion, of which the following is a copy:

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.
May it please Your Majesty;

We, your Majesty's subjects, the House of Assembly of Prince Edward Island, in Colonial Parliament convened, beg to assure your Majesty that in approaching your Throne with an expression of our claims to the rights and privileges of British Subjects, we are actuated by sentiments of the most fervent attachment to your Person and Government, and to the wise and time-honoured principles under which that Government is conducted.

The late House of Assembly having been dissolved by your Majesty's Representative in this Colony a year previous to the expiry of the term for which it was elected, it is believed by the majority of the new Assembly that the object of the dissolution was to ascertain the opinions of the inhabitants of the Colony in reference to the question, whether the system of administration in this part of your Majesty's dominions should be assimilated to that which obtains in the other Dependencies of the Crown on this Continent; or, in other words, whether the people of this Island were favourable to the introduction of the principles of Responsible Government in the management of their local affairs—these principles having for several years engaged public attention and divided the two political parties in the House of Assembly. While such is the belief of the people, they cannot but regret that no official intimation has been given them by the Administrator of the Government of this Island, to the effect, that differences of opinion on the part of the inhabitants of the Island and of their Representatives, in reference to the question above stated, constituted the primary cause of the recent

dissolution. It is, however, the duty of the House of Assembly to state to your Majesty, that the question of Responsible Government was the first and almost only one agitated upon the Hustings, and that eighteen members out of the twenty four who comprise the number of the people's Representatives, are now solicitous for its adoption.

Thus stimulated by their duty to their constituents, and by a firm adherence to their own views, the House of Assembly felt themselves bound to declare, at the opening of the present Session, in answer to the Speech of His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, that they had no confidence in your Majesty's Executive Council of this Colony—

Because that Executive Council is composed of Gentlemen whose political principles are believed to be inimical to the advancement of this Island's prosperity:

Because certain Departments of Government under their controul have, in several instances, been grossly mismanaged:

Because it has been their policy to perpetuate a system of favouritism, by dispensing the patronage of the Crown amongst their own immediate dependents and relatives, to the manifest dissatisfaction of the great majority of your Majesty's Subjects in this Colony:

Because offices of emolument have been bought and sold under the irresponsible system of Government which it has been the policy of the Executive Council to perpetuate:

Because the Revenues of the Country have not been judiciously expended in developing its resources and encouraging industry, but rather to often squandered in speculation and extravagance.

For these and other reasons the House of Assembly have come to a resolution not to proceed to do business with the Executive Council, until such time as that Branch be remodelled—so as to reflect the opinions of the Inhabitants of this Colony—to give to it the full benefits of the British Constitution, and thus to carry out Your Majesty's gracious intentions towards your Subjects in this part of your Dominions. Before this painful alternative was forced upon Your Majesty's Subjects, the House of Assembly, it is due to them to state that they have endeavoured to meet the wishes of Your Majesty's Colonial Minister, in reference to the making an adequate provision for the Civil and Judicial Establishments of this Island, as will be seen by the accompanying Bill, which the House of Assembly have passed for that purpose; and that they have shown every disposition to carry out the views of Your Majesty's Representative in respect to satisfying any just claims which public officers in this Island may have upon the Government.

The House of Assembly have much satisfaction in being able to state to your Majesty, that the provision designed for the Chief Justice in the Civil List Bill referred to, appears to have met with the entire approbation of the Lieutenant Governor, inasmuch as that His Excellency, in the estimates submitted to the House for the current year, has adopted the views of the House of Assembly in reference to that Officer.

The views of the House of Assembly in regard to these matters are fully set forth in the following resolutions, adopted on the 21st of March, in its present sitting:—[Resolutions referred to are inserted above.]

We therefore pray Your Majesty to exercise your high authority in instructing your Representative in this Island to remodel Your Majesty's Executive Council in accordance with the principles of Responsible Government; and with the wishes of the House of Assembly.

The above Address, partly agreed to last night, will, we presume, be finally adopted to-day; and it will shew the country that the majority of the present Assembly is composed of men who are not likely to be cajoled or terrified into an abandonment of their principles by the stratagems or threats of those who would fain keep this Colony in subjection to the Compact—in opposition to Her Majesty's intentions—and in humiliating and degrading contrast to other dependencies of the Crown on this Continent.

Tuesday has been fixed upon as the day for bringing the business of the Session to a close.

POLITICAL CAPITAL FOR THE COMPACT AND THEIR TOADIES OF THE ISLANDER AND GAZETTE.—Alexander Rae, Esquire, Speaker of the House of Assembly, has written a short letter to the Editor of the Gazette, which has been copied into the *Islander* with notes and illustrations, and which nobody, we believe, but Alexander Rae, Esquire, himself, can very well explain. The individual of the *Gazette* being prepared for any species of apostacy—and the disappointed politician who has been hired for a consideration of thirty pounds to supply John Ings with brains, having boxed the political pack and turned up *knave*, very naturally rejoice to find Mr. Rae snarling at the party who have placed him in the Speaker's Chair, at his own particular desire and request. If Mr. Rae be thus disposed to play into the enemy's hands, which we can scarcely believe it is his inclination to do, why then there is this consolation, that he majority have trumps enough without him.

We are glad to learn that Duncan M'Fat has repented his rash promise of discontinuing his weekly (weekly?) tirades against THE EXAMINER; and that we are still to have an interchange of civilities with the Sub-editor and political Janus of the *Islander*. Of course, his employers could not consent to let him shirk a controversy with the only Journal which in this Colony exposes their misdeeds. They are determined he shall be henceforth as heretofore,—

"The sneaking slave, whom the Tories patronize,
And who sold his tiny conscience to the clan,—
To publish their praises, their slanders, and their lies,
And write as many trashy editorials as he can."

MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

Last Wednesday evening, according to announcement, the *Amateur* Band gave a Concert, Mr. Whelan giving a Preliminary Essay. Mr. Kieley deserves the highest praise for the judgment and taste displayed in the selection of the pieces, and the entire Band, for the spirit and precision with which they were executed. Every body seemed delighted with their performance. The Fancy Polkas we heard particularly praised by persons whose judgment in matters of taste we highly value. During one of the intervals we were kindly favoured with some excellent vocal music by a gentleman who goodnaturedly acceded to the request of the meeting. We trust that the example of this honourable gentleman will not be lost on some amongst us at our next Concert. And what with Mr. Kieley's Band for Instrumental, and so many others as we know we have well qualified for the Vocal performance, the room could be specially engaged for the purpose a few evenings during the Summer. With the increasing population and the improving taste of our Town, is it not too bad to be left entirely at the mercy of all the strolling mountebanks who happen to come the way? And his, too, while such abundant resources are within ourselves.

Next Wednesday evening Mr. Isaac Smith, jun. will deliver a Lecture on LIGHT. It will be delivered *live voce*, and embrace as many of the following topics, as the time will permit:—The undulatory Corpuscular Theories; Radiation, Refraction, and Reflection of Chromatics; Polarization and Interference; Progressive motion of Light, its Velocity how ascertained; The Rainbow, its origin, and the Meteorological changes it indicates. The Lecture will be illustrated by experiments, and, investigating the properties of one of the most beneficial agents prepared by Providence for man's use, cannot fail to be highly interesting.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—"Sayings and Doings," chapter 2, came too late for insertion.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor has been seriously unwell, but seems, we are glad to say, convalescent.

TO be Sold by Auction, on WEDNESDAY the 10th day of April next, at the Old COURT HOUSE, Charlottetown, at TWELVE o'clock noon, if not previously disposed of, by private Contract, the FARM of

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JAMES B. COOPER.
Meadowbank, Lot 31, March 20, 1850.

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BY A. H. YATES.

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Charlottetown, March, 16, 1850.

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