

the honorable Secretary of the Pump and Well Assessment company; but it is quite of a piece with all Tory proceedings, who—

“What with their saw-dust, and what with their law-dust, Oft blind the eyes of the flats.”

But they will find the sharps different. Now, provided I had been introduced by the sapient “Modus,” to the delectable Mr. Secretary of the “Pump and Well” fraternity, and he very obligingly let me into the “secrets of the prison house,” and thought proper to withhold my information from every body, as too much of this Island’s business is kept, how would the public benefit by my information? In what better state would the Pumps be than they are at present? And how much would I get of the tax to hold my tongue, or throw dust in the eyes of the public, as “Modus” tries to? Not so much of it as “Modus” does, you may be sure, or he would not come out with his senseless jargon. But, Sir, had I applied to the proper source for information, the location of which “Modus” has very kindly omitted, there is ten to one, I should have been shown “the door,” and told to “wait until the first of May,” as the gentlemanly and particularly accommodating “Modus” has hinted. It is a wonder that he did not extend the time, and tell me to wait till the “Day of Judgment,” when the secrets of all conclaves will be known. I am not so particularly anxious about this matter but I could wait till then, because I believe the period is not very far distant, when “Modus,” and every palmer-worm at the prosperity and justice of this Colony, will be brought to an account for their public deeds of evil, and it will then be well for “Modus,” and his tribe, if *congestio encephalos* be not the result of their troubled craniums.

By none but the *malis oculus* of “Modus” could my Communication have been construed to be a “complaint against the unfortunate and abused Collector!” How unfortunate he is to have fallen heir to the very comfortable office of Collector. If he did not make a “nice penny” by it, he would not stand to be abused, and “Modus” would very gladly change shoes with him, that he might ensure the pickings of the unfortunate and abused collectorship! But I would ask—does this “unfortunate and abused” individual take the Chair at the public exhibitions of the renowned “Pump and Well Assessment” club? Does he make a point to show what he collects, and how it is spent? Does he have to cut away the ice from the Pumps, and thereby become a distributor as well as a collector? Does “Modus” get all the “Pump and Well Assessment” money, and instead of giving the Collector his miserable pittance thereof, give him a chapter of insult, and then so very feelingly call him “the unfortunate and abused Collector?” Does this *primus curiosus aqua taxatus homo*, “Modus,” think that the people of Charlottetown will very much longer put up with his trashy answers to the civil questions several times put forth on account of public expenditure, and especially the “Pump and Well” monies? And till he can come out to give a clear, distinct, and honest account of what money is collected on this head, and how it is expended, he need not show himself in public to insult that body through a—

TAX-PAYER.

Charlottetown, March 11, 1850.

The Examiner.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1850.

THE LIEUT. GOVERNOR STILL IN OPPOSITION TO THE PEOPLE.

It appears by the following extract from the Journal of yesterday, that the negotiation which has been pending between His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and some of the leading gentlemen of the Liberal party in both Branches of the Legislature, respecting the contemplated changes in the Government, has been brought to a close, by His Excellency declining to accede to the views of the Liberal party:—

“Mr. COLES, in his place, stated that the House had suspended action on their former Resolution, in reference to His Excellency’s answer to the Address of the House, in reply to His Excellency’s Speech, at the opening of the Session, in consequence of the Hon. Mr. Thornton, in his place, stating, that he was commanded by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor to acquaint the House that ‘His Excellency had received by last night’s mail an important Despatch from the Colonial Minister on the subject of Responsible Government, and requesting the House to suspend any proceedings contemplated by them in consequence of His Excellency’s reply to the Address of the House, until such time as the Despatch in question should be laid before them, which would be with as little delay as possible.’ In the course of the day the House received by Message an extract from the said Despatch.

“Mr. Coles stated that he had received a note from His Excellency, requesting to see two Gentlemen of the majority of the Assembly, in connection with one member of the Legislative Council, of the same politics; and that in compliance there with, Messrs. Swabey, Warburton and himself had waited on his Excellency. His Excellency stated his willingness, at the interview,

to receive those three Gentlemen into the Executive Council, in the room of the Hon. Solicitor General, Messrs. Thornton and Brennan, being the junior members of the Council, which proposal they refused, His Excellency being unwilling to reconstruct his Council until he receive instructions from the Home Government.”

So then the Lieutenant Governor has put himself in opposition not only to the Representatives of the people but to the command of the Colonial Minister. The duty of the former is obvious, that is, to act on their original determination of granting no supplies, and declining to do further business with his Excellency; and Sir Donald Campbell may rely upon it, that he will receive no credit from Lord Grey for his desire to maintain the ascendancy of the Compact in opposition to the opinions of the inhabitants of this Colony.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, March 19, 1850.

His honor the President of the Legislative Council yesterday announced at the Council Board, that he and the other members of the Executive Council had tendered their resignations to His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor. No important matter, with the exception of Responsible Government, has, as yet, been brought before the Legislative Council.

DUNCAN’S LAST LIE.

We noticed on Saturday that in the *Islander* of the previous day an editorial article and a Communication appeared, the former accusing the whole of the majority of the House, of acting contrary to the Law, in reference to some proceeding taken about Mr. LeLacheur’s qualification, and of rejecting a Petition stated to have been presented against that Gentleman’s taking a seat in the Assembly; the latter addressing itself to four Gentlemen of the majority, whose names are inserted at the commencement of the Letter, and charging them likewise with a violation of the Election Law, and departure from Parliamentary practice in voting against entertaining the Petition before alluded to.

Now, as it will be seen on reference to the Resolution passed by the House of Assembly on Saturday,—two only voting against it, and therefore voting for a *Né*,—there was no Petition offered to the House against Mr. LeLacheur’s seat. The *Islander’s* premises being based upon a falsehood, all its abuse of the majority may therefore pass without comment. We may, however, observe that the Proprietor of the *Islander* may congratulate himself in receiving nothing worse than a contradiction and rebuke from the Assembly; and he may thank former friendships that his outrage on the character of the House has been so indulgently regarded.

For the information of our readers it may not be amiss to state the manner in which the question of Mr. LeLacheur’s qualification was brought under the notice of the Assembly. Immediately after the Resolution of want of confidence was carried in the House, the Hon. Mr. Palmer moved that Mr. LeLacheur should place in the hands of the Clerk the Schedule of his qualification, in conformity with the 59th Section of the Act. This was objected to by the majority, because there was no notice previously given of such motion—because it was evident the Solicitor General was actuated by a factious spirit in then making the motion—and because, if made at all, it should have been done, as the Law expresses, “before” the member “presumes to take his seat, or vote in the House.” Of course, the Solicitor General was beaten on this ground, and the majority acted strictly within the Law in voting against him, not as a former majority did, in voting two members out of the House contrary to all law and precedent. When the motion was lost, Mr. LeLacheur expressed his readiness to place in the hands of the Speaker the Schedule of his qualification, there to be seen by any member who chose to look at it; but he would not satisfy the petty spite of the Solicitor General by placing it before the House at his bidding.

The following Note, which has been handed to us for publication, will show the exact position in which Mr. LeLacheur stands with regard to qualification:—

“Mr. LeLacheur’s qualification is as follows:—Having, for 30 years, held a Farm under Lease, he sold the Lease last October, reserving the right of occupation until November, 1850. The question is, How much was the possession of that Leasehold, for twelve months, worth to him? Was it worth £50? The answer to this question will be most correctly arrived at, by calculating how much Mr. LeLacheur would have lost, had he, last October, made a second bargain with the pur-

chaser, binding himself to give him immediate possession, and, of course, to sell off instantly his stock and crop, and so throw the different members of his family out of their stated employments, and oblige himself to rent a house and purchase fuel, &c. for a year. Would £50 compensate him for such loss and outlay? It would not. Then, on the ground of this consideration alone, it is maintained that his qualification is good: he held a property which was worth £50 to him. But if in addition to this, it be supposed that his crop, for the ensuing summer, will be equal to that of the past year, then £150 will be found nigher to the value of his interest in the Leasehold than £50.”

The Colonial and United States mails arrived on Monday evening. We have been unable to discover any important intelligence in the papers.

MECHANICS’ INSTITUTE.—The Amateur Band will give a Concert this evening, at the Mechanics’ Institute—to be preceded by some preliminary remarks from Mr. E. Whelan.

IRELAND.

The friends of Mr. John Martin have published some extracts of a letter written by that ill-fated gentleman immediately on his arrival at Sydney. His health, he says, is excellent, and, in a fair and manly spirit, he requests that no misrepresentation of his treatment on board will get publicity. His words are:—“Complaints of grievances are disagreeable, even when they are grievances; but we have met with nothing of the kind,—uniform courtesy and offensive demeanour from all, and civility and kindness from many. I am pretty sure that the instruction to officials in charge of us were to treat us civil. See that there be no complaining about our treatment.”

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

MEADOWBANK,

at Elliot River, Lot 31, comprising 320 acres of excellent Land, about 30 of which are in a high state of cultivation, with Dwelling House, Barns, Threshing Machine, &c., thereon, now in the occupation of the Subscriber.

For a Plan of the Property, and other particulars, enquire at the Office of James Peake, Esquire, Charlottetown. JAMES B. COOPER.

Meadowbank, Lot 31, March 20, 1850.

Farming Implements, Stock, &c. BY A. H. YATES.

ON THURSDAY next, the 21st instant, at 12 o’clock, on the Farm of J. B. COOPER, Esquire, Elliot River, all his

STOCK,

consisting of Horses, Cows, Pigs, &c.; his FARMING Implements viz: Ploughs, Harrows, Rollers, Chaff-cutter, Fanners, &c. &c. &c.

—ALSO—

A quantity of best Upland HAY, STRAW, a lot of excellent Seed WHEAT, OATS, &c., with many other articles.

TERMS.—All purchases over £10, a credit of 2 months will be given, on good and approved Security. For further particulars—see Hand Bills. Charlottetown, March, 16, 1850.

In the House of Assembly,

SATURDAY, March 16th, 1850.

The following Resolution, on motion of Mr. Warburton passed the House on a division of 17 to 2:

WHEREAS in an article which appeared in the *Islander* Newspaper, of the 15th instant, it is asserted, that this House had refused to entertain, and had rejected a Petition alleged to have been presented to this House by Mr. R. Macaulay, “the unsuccessful Candidate for the 2d (3d?) District of King’s County, shewing that Mr. LeLacheur, one of the returned Candidates, should not be suffered to take his seat for want of a qualification.” RESOLVED, That the above statement is directly false, no such Petition having been offered, or presented to this House, and that it can only be regarded as a wilful and malicious attempt to misrepresent the motives and character of the House of Assembly.

ORDERED, That the foregoing Resolution be inserted once in each of the Newspapers published in Charlottetown.

JOHN McNEILL, C. H. A.

Freehold Farm, Stock, Grain, &c. for Sale.

THE Subscriber, being about to leave the Island, offers for sale a valuable FREEHOLD FARM, consisting of 100 Acres of LAND; 12 Acres fit for the plough; and plenty of hard and soft Wood, and good Water on the premises—also a DWELLING HOUSE and Out Houses; with all his STOCK and GRAIN, &c. &c., consisting of two Horses, four Head of Horned Cattle, six Sheep, one Cart and Plough, Harrow, and Farming Utensils, together with 20 bushels Oats, 40 do. Barley, 10 do. Wheat, &c. &c.—For further particulars, apply to the Subscriber on the Premises.

RICHARD ASH.

Souris Line Road, Lot 45, March 20, 1850.

TO LET.

WHAT pleasantly situated Mansion in the vicinity of the Government House, and now in the occupation of the Hon. the Chief Justice, consisting of Twenty-one highly finished apartments, with Coach House, Stable, Kitchen, Flower Garden, and a never failing Spring of Pure Water on the Premises.

Possession given on or about the 18th May next, apply to DAVID WILSON.

Richmond Street March 20.