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The following official documents are copied from the *Courier* of Upper Canada, of the 1st of May, 1833:—

To the Editor of the *Courier*.

York, 30th April, 1833.

Sir,—Having filled for the last sixteen years the situation of a Law Officer of the Crown—first as Solicitor General, and latterly as Attorney General of this Province; and having, without a previous intimation of any part of my conduct, official or political, being disapproved of by His Majesty's Government, been suddenly removed from office, I feel it to be an act of justice to myself, as well as Mr. Hagerman, who is now absent from the Province, and whose dismission is announced in the same despatch, not to leave room for unfounded and injurious surmises, as to the cause of our removal. I do not know that I can adopt any measure so satisfactory for this purpose, as the publishing, merely without comment, the official correspondence which has attended this unexpected measure of His Majesty's Government.

Your obedient servant,
(Signed) H. J. BOULTON.

Government House, 29th April, 1833.

Sir,—I have the honor, by the direction of the Lieutenant Governor, to transmit to you the accompanying copy of a despatch from the Secretary of State for the Colonies, in which His Excellency is instructed to inform you and the Solicitor General, that His Majesty regrets that he can no longer avail himself of your services; and that you are to be relieved from the duties of your respective offices. I have, &c.

(Signed) WM. ROWAN.
HENRY JOHN BOULTON, Esq.
&c. &c. &c.

No. 183.

(Copy.)

Downing-street, 6th March, 1833.

Sir,—By the accounts I have lately received of the proceedings of the Legislature of Upper Canada, I have learnt that the Attorney and Solicitor General of that Province, have in their places in the Assembly, taken a part directly opposed to the avowed policy of His Majesty's Government. As members of the Provincial Parliament, Mr. Boulton and Mr. Hagerman, are of course, bound to act upon their own view of what is most for the interest of their constituents, and of the Co-

lony at large—but in questions of great political importance if they unfortunately differ from His Majesty's Government, it is obvious that they cannot continue to hold confidential situations in His Majesty's service, without either betraying their duty as members of the Legislature, or bringing the sincerity of the Government into question, by their opposition to the policy which His Majesty has been advised to pursue.

His Majesty can have no wish that Mr. Boulton and Mr. Hagerman should adopt the first of these alternatives; but on the other hand he cannot allow the measures of his Government to be impeded by the opposition of the Law Officers of the Crown. In order, therefore, that these gentlemen may be at full liberty as members of the Legislature, to follow the dictates of their own judgment, I have received His Majesty's commands, to inform you that he regrets that he can no longer avail himself of their services, and that from the time of your receiving this despatch, they are to be relieved from the duties imposed upon them in their respective offices.

You will transmit copies of this despatch to Mr. Boulton and Mr. Hagerman.

I have the honor, &c. &c.

(Signed) GODERICH.
Maj. Gen. Sir John Colborne, K. C. B.

York, 29th April, 1833

Sir,—Under the circumstances in which I find myself suddenly placed, without any previous information from His Majesty's Government, and more especially in the absence of the Solicitor General, who is equally affected by the measure with myself, I felt it due to him as well as to myself, and to our respective friends, to request, that His Excellency will have the kindness to inform me for what breach of public duty His Majesty has been advised to remove us from Office?

I have the honor, &c. &c.

(Signed) H. J. BOULTON.

To Lieut. Col. Rowan, Private Sec'y
to the Lieut. Governor.

Government House, 29th April, 1833.

Sir,—I have the honor to acquaint you, in reply to your letter of this day, that the Lieut. Governor understands, that the part of your political proceedings to which the despatch of the Secretary of State particularly adverts, is that you and the Solicitor General promoted the repeated expulsion

of a member of the Assembly, although the constitutional objections to that course had been conveyed to His Excellency by His Majesty's Government, and were, it is concluded, communicated by him to you.

I have the honor, &c. &c.

(Signed) WM. ROWAN.
To H. J. Boulton, Esq. &c. &c.

The upper Canada papers leave very little doubt that a complete change is taking place in the Executive Government of Upper Canada. The present Executive Council is to be suppressed altogether, and one composed of the heads of the principal Executive Departments and Crown Lawyers substituted. The Chief Justice, it is said, will be no longer Speaker of the Legislative Council. Dr. Strachan will be allowed more time to attend to spiritual concerns. In case of the refusal of Mr. Rolph to accept as Solicitor General, Mr. Bidwell late Speaker, will probably have the offer of the situation.

This change of Ministry in Upper Canada, having taken place while the ousted party had a large majority in both Houses, if the parliamentary majorities pride themselves in their consistency, a dissolution of the Parliament may become necessary; but we think not. Loyal addresses from the opponents of the dominant party in the Assembly, are preparing, to be sent to England; and some not very loyal paragraphs appear in the papers of the majority.—
Neilson's Quebec Gazette.

REMOVAL OF THE ATTORNEY AND SOLICITOR GENERALS OF UPPER CANADA.—The Upper Canada papers announce the removal from office of Mr. Boulton, the Attorney, and of Mr. Hagerman, the Solicitor General. This sudden and unexpected measure on the part of Lord Goderich, has produced a great sensation throughout the colony, as it cannot fail to be claimed by Mr. McKenzie's party as a signal triumph, particularly as the removals are ascribed to the active part taken by these gentlemen in politics during the last winter.

Nothing is said in the above papers as to the succession of the officers just removed. We have it in our power, however, to state, and which we do upon the best information, that the vacant situations are to be filled up by two gentlemen, selected from the English bar, and those gentlemen may be expected every moment from England.