

publication of the Document itself is probably the best answer that can be given to the

Linked sweetness long drawn out, of the member for Charlottetown and his political coadjutor.

His Lordship of Downing Street "entertains no doubt that the House of Assembly is the proper judge whether or not a vacancy exists," although, he says, "the words of the Act (6th Wm. 4th) might apparently bear either this construction," (i. e. that a vacancy did exist), "or that put on it by your Law Advisers;" and, continues his Lordship, from reasoning peculiar to Downing Street, "I think therefore the course pursued by your predecessor, Sir Henry Huntley, on the first occasion when the seat of Mr. Coles was declared vacant, was the correct one." Now, let it be remembered, the House of Assembly did not declare a vacancy in Mr. Coles's place, previous to the issuing of a writ by Sir Henry; yet, his Lordship says Sir Henry's course in reference to this seat was the "correct one," after admitting to be "apparently" "correct" the decision of the Crown Officers, that no such vacancy existed.

The Noble Secretary expresses an opinion contrary to his decision:—"If I am called upon," he says, "for an opinion, I am bound to say that I concur in that which has been given by your Law Advisers;" and further he says that the view taken upon the subject by the majority of the Assembly is "erroneous," "because the words, 'His Majesty's Council,' contained in the Act, could only, at the time they were used, have been intended to refer to the Legislative Council, since no other body to which they could apply was then in existence," and further, because the Office of Executive Councillor is analagous to that of Privy Councillor in England, the acceptance of which by a member of the House of Commons does not vacate his seat. "For these reasons," concludes the logical Secretary, "I am of opinion that the majority of the House of Assembly has been wrong in determining to regard the appointment of one of its members to the post of Executive Councillor as vacating his seat."

Now mark!—Lord Grey manifests no reserve in coming to this conclusion. Before doing so, he says the Act upon which it is partly founded might admit of two different constructions, and that Sir Henry Huntley did right in adopting a course contrary to that subsequently advised by the Crown Lawyers, in which advice he, Lord Grey, concurs!!!—and that, in fine, the majority of the House of Assembly has been wrong in determining upon that course which Sir Henry was right in pursuing!

Surely, a Nobleman of Earl Grey's acquirements, ability, and consistency, never penned this most inconsistent and absurd Despatch? It tells us that the Assembly did right in ejecting Messrs. Coles and Warburton, because the House thought proper to do so—but that, in doing so, it disregarded the law and practice of the colony, as well as the practice of the Mother Country!

The band of exclusives in the Assembly rejoice at the decision of the Noble Secretary for the Colonies! Is it not a reproach to them, and an honour to the minority? If the Despatch means any thing, it means this—that factious motives influenced the proceedings of the former—a regard for the law and for constitutional practice governed the conduct of the latter. The former cry out a triumph,—if it be, such a triumph is more dishonourable than the most signal defeat.

The following *jeu d'esprit* from a correspondent is not an inapt commentary on the Despatch above referred to:—

IMPROMPTU ON A LATE DESPATCH.

DEDICATED WITHOUT PERMISSION TO THE HON. JAMES WARBURTON.

That wrong is right, no longer doubt;
That right is wrong, be sure;
You should stay in, but must turn out—
Both conquer and endure.

That Black is Grey, and Grey is Black,
Is clearly shewn by Grey,
Who says, although you sha'n't come back,
You should not stay away.

THE CHURCH.—His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant has been pleased to appoint the Rev. William Warburton Vicar of Kilberry, and one of his Excellency's Chaplains to the Deanery of Elphin, vacant by the death of Dean Ffrench.—*Dublin Evening Mail.*

THE "GAZETTE" ONCE MORE ON THE DEFENSIVE.

THE few hastily-written observations printed in the last EXAMINER, on the subject of the recent nominations to the Shrievalty, has fortunately procured for the Printer of the Queen's Gazette an editorial leader and a verification of the old saw—"it is an ill wind that blows nobody good." For a few weeks past we felt a little sympathy for the Pownal street functionary, as every Tuesday our eye glanced over the columns of his publication to discover what a melancholy "falling off" was there, since the demise of his "literary man;" and we do now give ourselves no little joy when we reflect, that we have been—though unwittingly—instrumental in obtaining for Mr. Haszard an original editorial to relieve the monotony of stale jokes and old advertisements with which he crams the columns of his paper. The writer of this article—not Mr. Haszard, for we seldom dream of accusing him of anything original)—charges us with the heinous offence of having made "a most unwarrantable attack upon His Excellency Sir Donald Campbell." Now, this is positively untrue. Our remarks will bear no such construction as that put upon them by the Gazette. We did not attack Sir Donald Campbell. We said that he had been ill-advised in nominating Messrs. McCallum and Hunt to be Sheriffs for King's and Prince Counties; and we say so yet, without harbouring a thought or feeling hostile to Sir Donald. We doubt not His Excellency followed what is termed "the proper and constitutional course," and to this, we presume, he was advised by his Honor the Chief Justice. But we give it as our opinion that His Excellency was ill-advised, for these reasons:—

1st. Because the intention of the Legislature has not been duly regarded: Sir Henry Huntley was last year requested not to continue the same individual in office two successive years. Now, Messrs. Hunt and McCallum have been allowed to do the business of their offices for more than two years. The honour of being High Sheriff has not, to be sure, been constantly enjoyed by them; but they have evinced a determination to pocket the fees of office, whether the Government be willing or not.

2d. Because it is a stigma on this important Office to allow a Deputy to assume it. In no other country would the practise be tolerated. Any man, having been Sheriff once, who would, from *aura sacra flammis*, take the inferior post of Deputy, renders himself ever after unworthy of the principal Office.

And 3d. Because the individuals alluded to have excluded much better men, and are obnoxious to a very large number of the inhabitants of their respective Counties.

Now—

The head and front of our offending
Hath this extent—no more.

Why does Mr. Haszard affect so much concern about His Excellency's good name? Does he deem it his duty, as the Queen's Printer, to defend the conduct of the Queen's Representative? We are glad to see him awakening at last to a sense of his true position, and casting off the mock neutrality which hung about him so clumsily and so long. He not only neglected the performance of this duty for two years—but emersed himself in official guilt—such as will always be found to be the offspring of cowardice and meanness—that would elsewhere have led to his expulsion from office. During these two years the Gazette not only suffered to go unanswered the many "unwarrantable attacks" made upon the Lieutenant Governor by the Islander, but the sly Queen's Printer actually employed and paid the person who made them, and printed a pamphlet, written by the same individual, in which Sir Henry was most "unwarrantably" assailed; and a still further proof of his unfitness for the office which he holds was given by his aid and co-operation in the publication of a Newspaper, avowedly and virulently hostile to the Government.

The Queen's Printer would have belied the whole tenor of his official life had he neglected an opportunity of administering a "sop" to the new Governor. Mr. Haszard is a second Barnaby Rumsbottom who would not like his eggs "overfresh"—at Government House, and who delights "to feel his way"—to the heart of Sir Donald. And in these respects he only follows the tactics of his political friends both in and out of the Assembly, in whose smiles he "lives, and breathes, and has his be-

ing." To fawn upon every Governor, so long as there is a prospect of making any thing by him, is a well understood scheme of theirs. We have felt for Sir Donald when, frequently, we have seen his steps dogged by some of these parasites, who treat him to smiles and blandishment to-day—while he is yet pledged to any particular line of policy—but should His Excellency decide to-morrow upon a course that would bring ruin to their hopes of gain, no course would be too heavy for him—no slander too malignant. Such was their conduct at the commencement and the close of Sir Henry's career, against whom their

—Anger, unappeasable, still rages,
Eternal tempest never to be calm'd.

We have a direct and easy course to pursue, as a public Journalist, in reference to Sir Donald Campbell. As yet, we have seen little to censure, and much to commend; we will not be unwilling to award His Excellency the just meed of applause for every praiseworthy act of his Government,—but we are not disposed to overlook or palliate his faults, (to which all men are liable) whenever, or if ever, they occur. And we trust this honest and independent course will be more acceptable to Sir Donald—as it would be to every honourable and conscientious man—than the practised hypocrisy of the venal, who, like the Printer of the Gazette, having lived in an atmosphere of falsehood, distribute the malaria as the rich incense of Truth, and the reward of the virtuous and good. Believe us, Sir Donald,

A villain, when he seems most kind,
Is most to be suspected.

THE LEGISLATURE.

The greater part of last week was occupied, in the House of Assembly, in completing the appropriations for the current year; and in holding free conferences with the Legislative Council on the Currency Bill, to which the Council offered, by way of suggestion, some important alterations. We regret we have not space to glance at them, in the present No., but we shall probably do so in a future one.—The Council struck out of the Bill the clause determining the rate of Currency at which rents shall henceforth be received in this Island, being the addition of one-ninth to the present standard. The House agreed to the erasure of this clause; and the Hon. Mr. Coles introduced on the following day, a separate Bill embodying the principle of it, which was passed.—There are yet before the Council several important measures, sent up from the House; but it is expected, they will all be disposed of by to-morrow, and the Legislature will be prorogued either then or the following day, (Wednesday.)

His Excellency the Lieut. Governor this day assented, in the Legislative Council, to the Act for raising a Revenue, the old one having just expired.

DIED.

At his residence, Saint Peters (Black Farms), on the 18th ult., and in the 84th year of his age, Angus M. Varish. He emigrated to this Colony from Muirdart, Scotland, in 1790, and was an old and respectable inhabitant of that settlement.
At Cow River, Lot 43, on the 17th ult., after a lingering illness, Mr. John M'Eachen, aged 37 years.

Packet between Bedeque, P. E. Island, and Shediac, N. B.

THE Schooner OREGON, JAMES WALSH, Master, will sail every week during the ensuing Season, between the above named places, leaving Heard's Point Wharf at 12 o'clock noon, every Thursday, and Green's Wharf the same evening at 9 o'clock P. M., or after the arrival of the Stage from Charlottetown; and leaving Shediac about 10 o'clock, A. M. on Mondays. Small parcels taken charge of at 7d. each. All commissions attended to at 5 per cent. Luggage, parcels, &c. not called for on the arrival of the Packet, will be left in charge of William J. Taylor, at the Summer-Side Hotel, Green's Wharf, Bedeque.

FARE.—Cabin Passage 7s. 6d.; Forecastle 5s., N. Brunswick currency. May 1.—Gaz. 4w.

Summer-side Hotel.

THE Subscriber begs to inform Travellers, and the Public generally, that he has recently opened a House of Entertainment at the Wharf, Green's Shore, Bedeque. The House is spacious and well adapted for the purpose. He therefore hopes to give satisfaction, and merit a share of public patronage.

WILLIAM J. TAYLOR.

May 1, 1843.

Administration Notice.

ALL persons having any claims on the estate of the late THOMAS IRWIN are requested to present them to the Subscriber within eighteen months from the date hereof, and all those who stand indebted to the said Estate are requested to make immediate payment. Persons holding Mathematical Instruments or Books, belonging to the said Estate, are requested to hand them over to the Subscriber.

DONALD McEACHARN, Senr.
Savage Harbour, May 1, 1843.—2w Administrator.