

has been, that a person who it was desirable should be most closely connected with the government, in conduct and in feeling, should have occasion to reproach with a breach of private confidence the editor of a paper distinguished above all others by a scurrilous abuse of the government, and which was saved only from prosecution by the despicable character of its contents, and by the contempt of all persons of good feeling for its obscure and unprincipled conductor.

“ I did indeed participate in the mortification and astonishment of the public in whose hearing your letters were read. I regretted to see the support of so respectable an association as the Canada Company given with apparent eagerness to such a production, at a time when the Company was declared not to exist for any other purpose of patronage but this. And when I heard of the warm commendations of the talent displayed in attacks upon my government, and of the intimations conveyed in your private letters as to the manner in which attacks upon public officers might be made with greater caution and equal effect, you will not be surprised that as governor of this colony I felt keener regret, from the reflection that your residence here was alone owing to the circumstance of your being vested with the execution of a royal commission under the seal of this pro-