

A. I attended a meeting in Charlottetown, but don't remember any of the resolutions.

Q. Did not you preside at one such meeting?

A. Yes.

Q. Where was it held?

A. In Charlottetown, on or about the last of June, 1836.

Q. Were there any Magistrates at such meeting?

A. Mr. Longworth was present.

Q. Any Members of Assembly, besides yourself?

A. Yes—Mr. Speaker Dalrymple, and Messrs. Cooper, Le Lacheur, Macintosh and Clark, all members.

Q. Have you heard the late Governor, Sir John Harvey, say, that the rent demanded by the proprietors was too high?

A. No.

Q. Did he say what sum, or what rent per acre, he thought was the utmost the proprietors could demand?

A. Not that I heard.

Q. Or ought to demand?

A. Not that I heard.

Q. Have you read the Governor's Circular?

A. As to Sir Charles Fitz Roy's Circular, I don't hesitate to say, that it was a pity it was ever published. I have Sir John Harvey's letter to me, with extracts from a letter from him to the Colonial Minister, and also to the proprietors.

Q. Do you find the people resist the recovery of any debt except the rent?

A. No, not more than common.

Q. In regard to any debt but rent?

A. Not more than common.

Q. You must, in your capacity of Sheriff, have levied for other debts besides rent—have they, in regard to any such other debts, resisted you?

A. Not more than common—some debtors will always try to evade.

Q. Did any one ever threaten you in regard to such other debts?

A. No.

Q. How long have you been Sheriff?

A. Since last May.

Q. What are the names of the Deputies you employ?

A. Johnston Aitken is the only one in constant employment.

Q. Is the country in a very troubled state?

A. I think so.

Q. How long have you been resident in King's County?

A. Since 1827.

Q. How long were you a Member of Assembly?

A. Four years—since 1835.

Q. Was the county in the same troubled state when you stood your election?

A. There was a good deal of excitement, but not so much as now.

Q. Was there any promise sought from the candidates as to getting the demands of the proprietors abated?

A. Yes; I think Mr. Le Lacheur made a promise.

Q. Did any others of the candidates?

A. I did not—I merely rebutted some reports as to my being bought by the proprietors.

Q. Did you swear against any one that he threatened you?

A. Yes: I was threatened by Alexander Douglas (James's son).

Q. Who did you take as security for the property?

A. I took him, Alexander Douglas, and Richard Bourke.

Q. Has he since insulted you?

A. Yes; he insulted me before and since, and assaulted me too; and last Saturday I met him on my way to Souris from East Point, driving a mare that I had levied upon, and I demanded the property, and took the beast by the bridle. He denied her being my property, or the property on which I levied, and on my endeavouring to unharness her, he came up to me and said he was as good a man as I, and would not let me have her, at the same time putting up the handle of his whip to me. I was then under the necessity to draw my pistol, and tell the consequence if he resisted me from taking the property, and, through the persuasion of his sister, who began to cry, and both begging me, for God's sake, to let them have the mare until they would return home, I let him have her, and he promised to deliver her to me the next Monday, on his word and honour, and gave me his hand that he would deliver her to me, at my house, on that same day. I then told him that I treated him like a gentleman from the commencement, but I received nothing but ingratitude, and permitted them to proceed on their journey with the mare; but when he got off a few yards, he said to me, "You may take her now, and be d—d to you; she is as far off you as ever."

Q. Did you take any one prisoner for insulting you?

A. Yes; I took James Douglas, for insulting me and threatening my life.

Q. When did he threaten you?

A. Yesterday morning. There were seven or eight men with me.

Q. Did he insult any other person?

A. I don't know—he took up a stick, a rock-maple stick, I think—and threatened to knock my brains out, which forced me to grapple him to prevent my receiving the blow, by laying hold of him—the men who were with me let him go.

Q. Did you hear any Proprietor or Agent advise or request the Governor to send Soldiers, in order to make the inhabitants pay rent?

A. No, I never did.

Q. Did you say that nothing but Soldiers would settle the country?

A. I dare say I might, in regard to King's County.