

Despatch from the
Lieut. Governor to
Lord Glenelg.

by his Excellency's order?—A. I proposed that my intention should be expressed in writing, and I wished that the writing should be drawn up by some person other than myself, upon which his Excellency, being present, was kind enough to draw it up.

Q. 7. Was the writing intended to be legally binding upon you?—A. Certainly not.

Q. 8. What was the object or intention of the paper in question, if it was not intended to be legally binding?—A. It was intended for my own satisfaction, that it might not be said that I had it in view to fill the situation of Administrator of the Government.

Q. 9. Do you think you could constitutionally resign in case of either of the above events, and give place to another who could administer the government?—A. I could transmit my resignation to His Majesty's Government, and decline taking upon myself the office of Administrator of the Government. I think it is the constitutional right of any individual to decline taking office upon himself; and as to giving place to another, that is not the act of the person declining office, but of the law.

Q. 10. Do you not think, that in either of the above events taking place, you would be the Administrator of the Government, without being appointed in any way?—A. The Senior Executive Councillor would, upon taking the oaths of office, be invested with the administration of the government, without any further appointment.

Q. 11. Do you think, upon your resignation as above stated, the administration of the government could be assumed by any other member of the Council?—A. I think it could, either upon my resignation or upon my refusal to take the oath of office.

With this explanation before your Lordship, I must beg you to refer to the artful and incorrect statements made by the Assembly in their petition to The House of Commons.

1st. They say, that a "secret arrangement was entered into," although it had been, as I have stated, publicly proclaimed to the whole country, by one of the members of the new Executive Council, in his place in the Legislative Council.

2d. They say that this arrangement was denied "by his Excellency to us in his answer to our address." Although I denied no such thing; but stated that I had entered into no bond or agreement, and that I did not possess nor did there exist in Council any document of such a nature. It could not matter to me one straw, whether, when I was dead, Mr. Sullivan resigned, or whether all the Councillors resigned. I could have no object that Mr. Sullivan's intention to resign should be secret. If I had I should not have recommended it to be made public, and should not have told Mr. Sullivan to go before the Committee and explain his own story.

Why did he not say so at the time? He was not intended to be a secret arrangement. He was intended to be a secret arrangement. He was intended to be a secret arrangement. He was intended to be a secret arrangement.

Enclosure 1, in No. 1.

PETITION of the HOUSE of ASSEMBLY of UPPER CANADA.
TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

Most Gracious Sovereign,

WE, Your Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly approach Your Majesty with our renewed assurances of loyalty and attachment to Your Majesty's person and Government.

It is with pain we acknowledge how seldom it is we have to address Your Majesty in the unmix'd language of gratitude and thankfulness, and we have noticed the difficulties, at this distance from Your Majesty's immediate care, which attend the fulfilment of the most benevolent intentions.

We have now to pray Your Majesty's patient and impartial attention to the history of our complaint, against a sudden, abrupt, and most ungracious denial by his Excellency, of those indispensable constitutional principles in our local government, the just preservation of which is, above all things, calculated to endear Your Majesty to Your Canadian people, and to strengthen the bond of union between this loyal and valuable portion of Your empire and the parent state.

The Report of a Select Committee of Your Majesty's faithful Canadian Commons which has, after mature consideration, been adopted by this House, (and accompanies this Address,) will amply inform Your Majesty upon all particulars; and we regret it should necessarily contain disclosures to Your Majesty equally injurious to the interests and confidence of the people, and to the character of the royal station in this province. Under feelings of solicitude lest Your Majesty's royal ear should be prepossessed against us by those who have easier and secret access to Your Majesty and Your Majesty's Ministers, we have prayed the aid of Your Majesty's Imperial House of Commons, as will appear from the accompanying copy of our Memorial, in the hope that they will aid Your Majesty in extending to us speedy and effectual measures for the redress of our wrongs, and for the maintenance of the honour and dignity of the Crown.

(signed) Marshall S. Bidwell,
Speaker.

Commons House of Assembly,
18 April 1836.

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Petition from
House of Assembly
to The King.