

been brought forward in the Colonial Legislature, or transmitted through the Governor.

In reply to those remarks, I beg to state, that from the peculiar composition of the small Legislative Assembly of Vancouver Island, an appeal to that body would been futile, and that from the connexion of Mr. Good and Mr. Cameron with the Governor, I felt convinced that an application to His Excellency would have been also useless. Mr. Fortescue remarks in his letter that my statements are imperfect. I must observe that from the singular nature of those statements, and the position of the persons that they affect, it could scarcely be expected that a complete chain of evidence could be produced in England; but as regards the unfitness and impropriety of the appointment of the person to whom the supreme administration of justice is entrusted, I did think that the copies of the letters from the Registrar-General at Demerara, and the Sheriff at Perth, would have been fairly conclusive.

I herewith give the simple facts as regard the Chief Justice, which facts can be proved by witnesses in this country. The facts are as follow: Mr. Cameron is a man of obscure origin, with no legal education whatever, and a very imperfect general one; he was an uncertificated bankrupt in Scotland, and was some time after discharged as an insolvent debtor in Demerara, shortly before coming to Vancouver Island. But for the impropriety of such a person as Mr. Cameron holding such a high and responsible office, it is extremely unlikely that I should ever have had to lay such grievances before your Grace.

I can most unhesitatingly assert that the purity of justice has been entirely overthrown in Vancouver Island, rendering the proceedings in the law courts in the colony the theme of scorn and derision among the colonists, as also throughout the American territory in the Pacific. I have felt disappointed at the delay that has taken place in instituting even the preliminary inquiries now about to be made, the treat-