

[CIRCULAR.]

Sir,

*In the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Norton, the Committee on Printing have, contrary to all former usage, secretly contracted for the Printing of the Journals with his Ex-Reverence Doctor O'Grady, at an advance upon the price at which he tendered for the Printing of the House during the Session, without affording any opportunity of tenders from others—WILLIAM LYON MACKENZIE, M.P.P and Joseph Turton being securities for the performance. The price tendered by Mr. O'Grady for the Printing of the House was 1s. 6d. : my tender was 1s. 10d. ; and Mr. O'Grady not being able to perform all, Mr. Norton applied to me to know if I would do a part of the work at the price I had tendered. I said I would not undertake any at less than the usual Printer's price unless the Committee would engage to give me HALF. Mr. Norton then pledged himself that I should have half. If, therefore, the original tenders be construed by the Committee to embrace the whole Printing of the House, including the Journals, and all parties be content, it is Mr. O'Grady's duty to Print half the Journals at 1s. 6d., and the duty of the Committee to give me the other half at 1s. 10d., if the pledge of the Chairman be deemed of any value and binding on the House. But there is a difference between Printing in a hurry and Printing at leisure. I am willing to undertake the Printing of the Journals in the best manner at 1s. 6d., and to give security for due performance ; and I have no doubt there are other Printing Offices in the city that would undertake the same. Mr. O'Grady has the contract at 1s. 10d., or 4d. in advance of the price tendered by him for the Printing of the House. Will the House suffer this gross imposition upon the country to be perpetrated in secret for the private advantage of a political partizan ?*

*Your strenuous endeavours are solicited to defeat so discreditable an intrigue, and to rescue the popular branch of the Legislature from the indelible stain of dishonour the sufferance of so foul a proceeding must inevitably inflict.*

*I have the honour to remain,*

Sir,

*Your Obedient Humble Servant,*

T. DALTON.

TORONTO, 7TH APRIL, 1835.