

Acts is a matter in which His Excellency must act on his own individual discretion, and in which he cannot be guided by the advice of his responsible Ministers.

"That this House feels bound, in assertion of the constitutional rights of the Canadian people, to record its protest against and dissent from the said instruction, and to declare its determination to hold His Excellency's Ministers responsible for his action in the exercise of the power so conferred by the said Statute."

An opportunity of bringing the subject before the House did not occur until Wednesday, March 31st, when Mr. Blake moved the adoption of the resolutions of which he had given notice; but after a debate, in the course of which Mr. Mackenzie and Sir J. A. Macdonald expressed their assent to the constitutional doctrines laid down by Mr. Blake, that gentleman withdrew his motion.

I have the honor to enclose a copy of the parliamentary report of the debate that took place on that occasion.

I have, &c.,

(Signed),

DUFFERIN.

The Right Honorable

The Earl of CARNARVON,

&c., &c., &c.

### CORRESPONDENCE relating to the exercise of the Prerogative of Pardon in New South Wales.

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