

the father of a large family solely dependent upon him for support) thereby giving them an opportunity of degrading him in the eye of the public; but if such were their ideas, they made a wrong calculation, as Mr. DICKSON without hesitation, accepted the challenge, met Mr. WEEKES at the place appointed, and killed him the first fire.

WILLCOCKS (the Editor of their paper) had some narrow escapes for libels upon individuals, of the grossest nature, in short, so obvious was his guilt, that he must have been convicted in any court but that in which he was tried. The minds of the Jury were so warped by party feeling, that the Judge was under the necessity of declaring from the Bench, that no man's life or property could be safe, if resting upon the verdict of such a Jury. He however, did not succeed so well with the House of Assembly, in some libels he published upon that Body. He was, by order of the House, committed to the County Jail, and kept there during the remainder of the session.

The Surveyor General, during this period, was not wanting in zeal. He was persuaded by the Judge, that his commission was paramount to the Governor's, and upon the strength of this persuasion, he committed the most arbitrary and unwarrantable acts in his Department. His first Clerk (a respectable old gentleman, who had been in the service before Mr. WYATT was in existence) had presumed to give his vote for a member who was considered as well affected towards Government; for this offence he was instantly dismissed from his office. One of the principal subjects of clamour against the Executive Government was, what they termed the improvident Grants of Land; but some little discoveries that were made about this period, shewed that they were as ready as their neighbours to avail