

Had Sir Charles Metcalfe followed up the policy of Lord Sydenham and Sir Charles Bagot, there would have been no difficulty with his Council, and the public business would not now be interrupted. *He contended that he was not bound to advise with His Council*, more especially in making appointments to Offices in the Country.

This he says is a prerogative of the Crown, *with which the people have nothing to do*. Why all his acts as Governor are prerogative, if he choose so to call it, and he might therefore with just as much reason or justice affirm, that in no case ought he to advise with His Council, because the matters about which he would have to take their advice belonged to the prerogative of the Crown.

But let me tell you that in no part of our Colonial Administration, are the people more deeply interested than in the selection of fit and proper persons to fill offices of trust in the Province. That duty is paramount to all others. If therefore the Governor is not bound to ask the advice of His Council, in matters of such deep moment to the people, he may well say that he is not bound to do it at all.

The fact is he is determined to break up Responsible Government, and this is the grand beginning. He could not have taken a better means of doing so. If the people are to have no voice in appointments to Office among themselves, the time will very soon arrive when they will have no voice at all. Mr. Baldwin and his colleagues saw this and they therefore resigned.

Now this is the true issue between the Governor and the Country. It is responsibility or no responsibility. It is whether the Government of the Country is to be carried on in accordance with the wishes and interests of the people, or for the benefit of the Family Compact. It is whether the people are to be any thing or nothing, whether their Legislature is to be respected or treated with contempt. It is whether we are to be chained down to the wheel of Executive tyranny, without any