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that advice entered upon public Record; the Governor can by no means consider himself blameable, if in any such instances they should become lessened in the public esteem; however sorry he may be (and sorry he really is) that it should so happen.

Whatever justification the Governor's conduct might in general receive, from its being founded on the advice of the Council; it could receive no degree of justification therefrom, in cases where, from the Governor's own knowledge of the actual state of Facts, he should find that advice to be founded on a mistake. It is the Governor's duty to examine, as far as he may be able, into the actual state of facts upon which the advice he receives may be founded: Were it his duty (as the Committee would seem to imply) to follow the advice of the Council without any consideration on his own part, the Governor would be merely a *Man of Straw*: This, he would wish the Committee to believe, is by no means the case.

The Governor cannot suppose it possible that the Committee could really believe, that the Statements made in the report now on the Table in support of the Position on which the report of the 20th of June last was founded, could contribute in any the smallest degree