

the subscribers are acquainted; and it is thus that the most shameless allegations, devoid of every particle of truth, and intended to bring the judicial character of Mr. BOULTON into contempt, are brought under the notice of government as expressing the public sentiments of the people of Newfoundland.

In seeking the cause of this malignity displayed towards the Chief Justice, we solemnly declare to your Majesty that we can discover none, except it may be in the apprehension that his inflexible administration of justice, unawed by their power or their threats, is calculated to divest the Priests and their adherents of their undue ascendancy, and to subject them in common with your Majesty's other subjects to the supremacy of the law. We take this public opportunity of expressing our full confidence in the integrity and ability of Mr. Boulton, and our entire satisfaction with the firm, judicious, and impartial manner in which he has discharged his duties. We have also no hesitation in asserting that notwithstanding the infamous attempts to create distrust in his official conduct, the public confidence in him remains unshaken, and we should lament as a public calamity any circumstance that might cause his removal or retirement from the Bench of this Colony, which would thereby suffer a loss not easily repaired.

And here, we would respectfully suggest to your Majesty that this community is almost exclusively a commercial one—that the Merchant and Fisherman have but one common interest, and are bound together by one tie of mutual dependance—that those differences of public opinion which exist in older and larger countries, have