

Ques. 811. Were the charges preferred in Mr. Smith's petition, and urged by Mr. Macdonald in his speech on moving for its reference, aimed at the Commissioners generally, or at Mr. Brown alone, as an individual?—Ans. Most of the charges made in the petition were against the Commissioners generally, but some were against Mr. Brown personally; my impression is, that in Mr. Macdonald's speech, the charges were chiefly directed against Mr. Brown as one of the Commissioners.

Ques. 812. Did Mr. Macdonald profess to make any statement on his own personal knowledge; or did he avowedly rest his whole case on the authority of Mr. Smith?—Ans. I cannot at this distance of time recollect precisely what was said; most of the charges were made by Mr. Macdonald on the information of others, but he was very emphatic in declaring, that if a Committee were appointed he should be able to prove certain of his charges by witnesses, not merely by Mr. Smith alone; I think there was one charge, but I cannot say what it was, he stated to be true of his own knowledge.

Ques. 813. Did you on both of these occasions speak and vote against the motion of Mr. Macdonald?—Ans. I voted on both occasions against Mr. Macdonald's motion. I do not know if I spoke against the motion in 1850. I am sure I did in 1851.

Ques. 814. Were you in any manner influenced by Mr. Brown in the course you took on that occasion?—Ans. I am not conscious that I was in any way influenced by Mr. Brown in the course I took on these occasions. My present impression is that after the Government had so far adopted the conclusions of the Commissioners as to remove the Warden, I considered the reference of the petition to a Committee would be a censure on the Government, and in that view of the case I should have voted against the motion. If Mr. Brown, with a view of having the charge made enquired into, had desired me to vote for the reference, I might have done so, otherwise as I have already intimated, I should not have felt disposed to do so.

Ques. 815. Do you recollect while one of the debates in question was proceeding, of your communicating with Mr. Brown at the Bar of the House in reference to the subject?—Ans. I remember communicating with Mr. Brown at the Bar of the House whilst the debate was going on in reference to the subject.

Ques. 816. Was the object of your communication with Mr. Brown to obtain explanations; so that you might reply to attacks made on the Commissioners in the debate?—Ans. My object was to obtain information from him to enable me to reply to attacks made on the Commissioners during the debate.

Ques. 817. Did Mr. Brown on that occasion apply to you to resist the appointment of a Committee of inquiry into the conduct of the Commissioners?—Ans. I have no recollection that Mr. Brown so applied to me to resist the appointment of a Committee.

Ques. 818. Did you advise Mr. Brown on that occasion to consent to the appointment of such a Committee?—Ans. I have not any recollection of having advised him to consent to such appointment. If anything of the kind referred to in these two questions occurred, I can only say I have no recollection of it.

Ques. 819. Did Mr. Brown on that occasion express strong indignation with the members of Government, because they had not prepared themselves for the debate, and did not properly defend the Commissioners from the unjust attacks of the opposition?—Ans. Mr. Brown was very indignant with the members of the Government, and I understood the ground of his complaint against them was, that they had not properly defended the Commissioners from the attacks made against them during the debate, which he declared were false and unjust. I was not at that time a member of the Government and do not know if he had any other cause of complaint against them in this matter.