

It is our responsibility to see that proper action is taken and, if there was mismanagement, to see that it did not occur in future. I might say that what Mr. Martin and Mr. Ferland are endeavouring to do is something even kings have not attempted to do—and have lost their heads in attempting to do it. Mr. Ferland has been seeking to confuse this committee by, in one instance in particular, outright misrepresentation; and Mr. Martin's argument is an endeavour to muzzle parliament.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): On a point of order, Mr. Chairman; the hon. gentleman is now allowed to go on. I did not interrupt him. He has gone into high flights of fancy in his suggestion that, as a result of my attempt, my head might be taken off, and so on.

I am not concerned about my friend's threat to take off my head; but I am concerned about the suggestion that has been made, that what has taken place this morning is an attempt to muzzle parliament, or to prevent the fullest investigation of this matter. It is not a question of muzzling parliament.

Mr. MCGREGOR: It certainly is.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): What I am saying is that this committee has no right to interfere with the course of the administration of criminal justice in this country. I have before me the statement of Mr. Pigeon at the last meeting.

Mr. MCGREGOR: Stick to the point.

The CHAIRMAN: Just a moment. Are you through with your point of order, Mr. Martin?

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): I am simply taking issue with the statement of my friend that this is an attempt to muzzle parliament, because the press is here. We want to avoid that going out. This is not the case, and the hon. gentleman ought to be asked to withdraw that. No one in this committee has sought in any way to prevent the fullest investigation. What we are seeking to do is to establish that this committee should not interfere with the administration of justice in this country, and I would ask you to cause the honourable and distinguished jurist from Cornwall to withdraw these remarks.

The CHAIRMAN: I believe that Mr. Campbell would withdraw that remark about muzzling parliament.

Mr. CAMPBELL (*Stormont*): I would be very glad to substitute the word "obstruct" the investigation of parliament into a matter that should be investigated.

The CHAIRMAN: Mr. Campbell, just withdraw it, without any restrictions.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): I would ask, Mr. Chairman, to have the gentleman, the distinguished jurist, to withdraw the word "obstruct" and to do it in such a way as to—

The CHAIRMAN: The word was "muzzle" parliament.

Mr. HORNER (*Acadia*): The same way you used "loaded"!

The CHAIRMAN: We have to adjourn shortly. I would like Mr. Campbell to withdraw the word "muzzle".

Mr. CAMPBELL (*Stormont*): I would be delighted to withdraw the word "muzzle".

The CHAIRMAN: Without any restrictions.

Mr. CAMPBELL (*Stormont*): Yes.

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): And the word "obstruct"?

Mr. CAMPBELL (*Stormont*): If Mr. Martin withdraws his obstructions, I shall withdraw the word "obstruct".

Mr. MARTIN (*Essex East*): There again, Mr. Chairman, the hon. gentleman has said I am obstructing. I ask that that be withdrawn.