

ascertaining whether he was the writer; and Mr. Cooper having avowed himself the author of the letter in question, and endeavoured to justify his conduct by assertions equally untrue, the Lieutenant Governor conceives it to be his bounden duty, not only from the situation he holds as Her Majesty's Representative, but in accordance with those principles of candour and straight forwardness which he has made the rule of his conduct through life, publicly to contradict the statement with which his name has been connected; and the Lieutenant Governor knows no better means of giving publicity to such contradiction, and to undeceive those persons who may have been deluded, than through the medium of the Representatives of the People, now in Session.

The Lieutenant Governor, therefore, most distinctly and positively denies that he ever gave utterance to the statement made by Mr. Cooper, or even to any observations that could, by possibility, give a colour to it.

The Lieutenant Governor having thus exposed the deception practiced upon the people by Mr. Cooper, thinks it his duty here to remark, that the conduct pursued by Mr. Cooper in this transaction shews how little reliance can be placed upon his general veracity; and the Lieutenant Governor earnestly hopes, that those persons who have hitherto given credence to the extravagant doctrines and assertions of Mr. Cooper, will, in future, pause and reflect, before they suffer themselves to be hurried into acts of insubordination to the Laws, which must inevitably terminate in the ruin of themselves and their families.

In sending this Message to the House of Assembly, the Lieutenant Governor begs it to be understood, that he is solely actuated by a desire publicly to expose the falsehood of Mr. Cooper's statements, made in reference to himself; and that he has no wish or inclination to press the matter further upon the attention of the House of Assembly.

The Lieutenant Governor sends herewith copies of the several letters to which allusion is made in this Message.

Government House, 30th Jan., 1838.

[COPY.]

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
26th January, 1838.

Sir,

A Copy of a Letter having been put into the Lieutenant Governor's hands, dated Sailor's Hope, 14th September last, purporting to have been addressed by you to John Le Lacheur, a copy of which is herewith inclosed, I am directed by His Excellency to request you will acquaint me, for his information, whether you were the writer of such Letter.

I have, &c.

By order,

(Signed) J. P. COLLINS,
Col. Sec'y.

William Cooper, Esq.,
&c. &c. &c.

[COPY.]

SAILOR'S HOPE,
14th September, 1837.

DEAR SIR,

I am appointed by the Committee to inform you, that the inhabitants of the North Section of King's County, about 300 in number, waited upon the Governor with an Address, respectful, but strong, where strength is required. The Governor was very kind, but his answer was unfavorable—both address and answer are forwarded to the Colonial Herald for publication, with an appeal to the Island at large—to know how far they agree or disagree with our opinions. A compromise with the Landlords is offered by the Governor—viz: a release from all back rents, a long lease, a deduction of half the rent, and the half of the present rent to be taken in produce. This offer being made, they cannot retract. We have, therefore, gained a victory worth about £267,000 to the Colony, which will appear in the following statement: Back rent, one Township with another, may be reckoned at £1000 each, £67,000. The rent in 1833, was from 15 to 16,000, and up to this time cannot be short of £20,000; to be reduced one half, and that half to be taken in produce, will be equal to £12,000 out of £20,000; this 12,000, being reckoned as interest at 6 per cent. gives a capital of £200,000. Therefore, this is a victory clearing £267,000 gained to the inhabitants, and cannot be lost or retaken by the enemy. It is the stronghold that kept us in fear and subjection blown up in the air, and cannot be rebuilt. The enemy having lost this stronghold, have hung out a flag of truce to me, by these terms. A public meeting is therefore proposed to take place in November, somewhere in King's County, where most convenient for a portion of Queen's County inhabitants to attend, and also the Delegates from Prince County, if they are inclined; to take into consideration whether we will take pity on the Landlords, and pay them a small tribute to be carried from the Colony, or ask for an Escheat, and let our contributions go to the Government as a common stock, for our general benefit—we fear no distress or trouble in King's County, until the question is settled. Supported as we are by the Clans of the North on our right, and the Radicals of the South on our left, we hope to muster at the meeting from 1500 to 2000 strong, in good order, and with good will to all men. It is desired that you will circulate this for the encouragement of those in distress and despondency, who we will be glad to see at the meeting, to consult with, for their benefit and ours. We have given up the Gazette, and intend to support the Herald as long as he is deserving. You will have the goodness to favor me with your opinion in answer.

I am, &c.

By order,

(Signed) W. COOPER.

John Le Lacheur.