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tunity, and neglected no means within their reach to bring the Judges, Magistrates, and officers of Justice into contempt, and to excite popular feeling against them. More particularly have they and the few factious and needy individuals who are associated with them, been unceasing in their attacks, and untiring in their exertions to bring odium upon the present Chief Justice of the Colony, Mr. BOULTON, and at any sacrifice to procure his removal from the office which he so ably and impartially fills.

To accomplish this end the vilest slander, the most despicable insinuations, and the most malicious calumnies have been resorted to, more particularly through the medium of a newspaper published in this town, under the name of the "*Newfoundland Patriot*," the conductors of which are notoriously under the control of the Roman Catholic priesthood. In order to give plausibility to their proceedings, and to obtain for them the attention of your Majesty's government, a principal expedient resorted to, has been that of petitions which are got up by them with a facility almost incredible to those who are unacquainted with the domination which the Roman Catholic clergy exercise over their flocks. The manner in which signatures are procured to these petitions is by exhibiting blank sheets of paper at the Chapel doors, where all who enter, whether men or boys, are made to subscribe their names, or have them written down for them; and to this they are obliged to submit, knowing that otherwise they will be visited with the displeasure of their clergy.

These sheets are afterwards appended to the Petitions, with the contents of which but few of