

From the above detail it is sufficiently obvious that but a very small proportion of our numbers furnished contributions in this department; but we may hope that these eminent examples will encourage us all to greater and more general exertions of this kind for the future; we are all bound in honour to promote the objects of the Institution according to our opportunities; we are capable and willing, no doubt, to do so, in some shape or other; let us contribute whatever we can in any branch of Literature, Science or the Arts; and above all never omit to bring to light any authentic document relating to the early history of these Colonies. While your Council are urged, by their zeal for the advancement of the Institution, to make this appeal to your labours and researches they are not without a confidence that it will not be made in vain.

A proper explanation is due to you of the causes which have led to our assembling in this new apartment, and it shall now be offered for your information. The unfortunate accident of the destruction by fire of the Castle of St. Lewis, made it necessary for His Excellency the Governor in Chief to appropriate some of the apartments in this building to his own official use, in consequence of which, the Honorable the Executive Council were dispossessed of their room; it became necessary therefore, in order to accommodate that body, to vacate in its favour the apartment in which the Meetings of the Society have long been held. His Excellency very kindly expressed his regret for the necessity of the measure; and assured the Society that nothing but the urgency of the case would have induced him to put you to inconvenience. The Society was offered the choice of the vacant rooms in the upper flat, and one has been selected as a place of deposit for apparatus not in use; but