

sible Government £40 towards electing their members. At that time, Hyde was a very fine man; not a blemish on his character; independent, pure, spotless, and charitable. But when he objects to the Government making use of his brains to his own ruin, to benefit their friends, then he is the reverse of all these; black-hearted Tory; a liar; inconsistent; and abusive to his friends in the Government. Heaven preserve me from such friends! Although I have been thus sacrificed, I will not, if elected, injure one single principle of Responsible Government, though it should cost me every copper I have in the world. I approve the principles. To preserve them pure and undefiled, I take the liberty of offering my services to the true Liberals of Colchester, who believe that a Government are bound to act in accordance with "the well understood wishes of the people, as expressed through their representatives." I believe this step is right and constitutional; precisely in accordance with true Responsibility, which regards rulers in power and office as the "servants of the people," and paid by the people; subject to the people, as the sovereign power.

Rulers, then, stand in reference to the people, precisely the same as my stage driver to me. I resolve, that the stage shall leave Picton at 4 o'clock in the morning, but he says, "I govern this stage, I will start at 6, I take the responsibility." So he would, but in doing so violate and upset my plans; and the next driver that offered his services, I should hire, and put him in the recreant's place.

*Mr. C.*—What is your opinion of a person who was capable of offering a direct bribe of £500 to the Superintendent of the Telegraph to induce him to hold his tongue and permit Mr. Hyde to seize, in Mr. Howe's absence, on the work which he and his colleagues had added to the public property of the Province? Mr. Hyde's "uprightness" did not prevent him from doing this. Let him deny it if he dare, and the most ample evidence shall be forthcoming in proof of the fact.

*H.*—This is false; and I believe a pure fabrication. The Hon. gentleman finding he could not weaken my position by any argument, founded on truth, resorts to this calumniating, base, wilful lie.

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