

The *Chairman* interposed, amidst a good deal of confusion, and desired that the room should be cleared.

When the doors were again opened the *Chairman* stated that the *Committee* had come to the conclusion that the evidence against *Mr. Brown* should be first taken up.

*Mr. Brown*.—Was *Mr. Macdonald* not to be examined as to the charge he had brought against him?

*Mr. Ferres*.—That had not come before the consideration of the *Committee*. *Mr. Macdonald* had first to produce such evidence as he had to make good his charges.

*Mr. Brown*.—What did *Mr. Macdonald* say a few minutes ago, that his chief witness was *Mr. Smith*, a person whom they had found guilty.

*Mr. Ferres*.—He had stated the decision of the *Committee*. It would be for them to say whether they felt inclined to make any change in their decision.

*Mr. Brown*.—It would be most unfair for the *Committee* to come to such a decision behind his back and without his knowledge.

*Mr. Macdonald* asked the *Chairman* if the *Committee* had been unanimous in their decision as to their future proceedings.

*Mr. Ferres*.—They had been perfectly unanimous.

*Mr. Brown* did not think that the public would think that the *Committee* had taken a common-sense view of the matter.

*Mr. Ferres*.—They had nothing to do with what the public might think of their conduct.

*Dr. Clarke* contended that the course which *Mr. Brown* wished to pursue was contrary to the practice in all Courts of Justice.

*Mr. Ferres*.—If the *Committee* did not intend to adhere to their determination the discussion might go on, but not otherwise.

*Mr. Brown*.—He could only say, then, that he protested against the course which the *Committee* had decided upon as most unjust and most unfair.

*Mr. Ferres*.—*Mr. Brown* was entering upon the discussion again.

*Mr. Macdonald* applied for a summons for *Mr. Henry Smith*, senior, and *Mr. James Hopkirk*, of Kingston.

*Mr. Felton* then moved the following resolution, which he thought would meet the views of the *Committee*:—

*Resolved*,—That the parole and documentary evidence to be adduced in support of the charges against *Mr. Brown* be first received, and on the conclusion thereof, the evidence exculpatory of *Mr. Brown* be then entered upon and received.

He would then move that the *Committee* should adjourn to