

cularly mentioned one of the name of Whidden. We parted with the full conviction on my mind, and now is, that his property is perfectly good to qualify him in every respect to vote and be elected for this County.

When Mr Ross tendered the oath to Mr Crichton, in behalf of Mr Hartshorne, I thought the proposition a singular one, and one which Mr Holmes could and would very easily explain; he was then on the Hustings along with Mr Ross, and why he kept silence on the subject, is best known to himself. Why I should be picked out as a fit object for censure in a matter where there cannot possibly be a shadow of an excuse for such a course, I would be at a loss to conjecture, did I not know the source from whence it originated. On this head however they exhibit the same knowledge of my official duties that they do in other matters. Were they half as *known* in ordinary affairs, as they think they are *powerful* in political and electioneering intrigues, they would have known that in the Registrar Office of this County, there is no record of Grants; and as I believe Mr Hartshorne's title in the land alluded to is derived from a Grant that I could not as Registrar give any explanation of the facts alleged. As a surveyor, I am not aware of ever being on the ground, and know nothing of its extent or improvements, nor know any individual living on it excepting Mr McLean the poet, who lives some miles beyond the County line. It has also been alleged against me, and the charge has been most assiduously propagated in this County, that I acted very unhandisomely towards Mr Hartshorne, and betrayed the party to which as a Kirkman I must necessarily belong in this community. To this charge I plead not guilty, and I hope the following statement will satisfy the tribunal to which I appeal (that of my Countrymen.)

Shortly after Mr Hartshorne's departure from Pictou, the dissolution of the House, and the Writs for the election of Members, together with the Sheriff's advertisement, put us all on the alert, and measures were then taken as I thought, to secure Mr Hartshorne's election for this County. Having ascertained that Mr Wilkins had offered, and that others were likely to offer in opposition to Mr Hartshorne, who was called a non-residenter and a Halifax merchant, I immediately issued my Card—thinking by this means to keep the field open for Mr Hartshorne. The very day I issued my Card, I was invited to a meeting of those who called themselves Mr Hartshorne's friends; the Rev'd Kenneth J McKenzie, David Crichton, James Fraser, and John Holmes, Esquires were the principal active individuals on this occasion; after the usual lecture of firmness, unanimity, and devotion to Mr Hartshorne, it was agreed upon that Mr Hartshorne should be formally solicited to accept of our suffrages for the County, and that he should be written to by Mr McKenzie to that effect, which I believe was afterwards done, agreeable to the wish of the meeting. I may observe here that I never solicited a vote from any individual in the County—that I have not employed any person to canvass for me—that I never wrote to any of my friends on the subject—that I never inquired after the fate of my cards. I can bring proof that I told individuals who said that they would vote for me, that I did not want votes at the expense of any other person. I communicated my mind freely to Mr John Munro, whom I knew to be enthusiastically attached to Mr Hartshorne. Not so with Messrs Blackadar and Holmes; they have canvassed the County from one end to the other. I have been speaking favorably of Mr Blackadar through the summer, but found such prejudice against him that I knew he could not succeed; and I thought that Mr Holmes was canvassing from the same motives that

induced myself to issue my card, till I found that his son had made proposals to Mr Smith's friends on the West River, that if they would support his father, that his father's friends on the East River would support Mr Smith. Mr Crichton made similar proposals in behalf of Mr Blackadar.

On the Tuesday before the Election, Mr Ross arrived in the coach, and as usual paid me a visit. Knowing that he was favorable to Mr Hartshorne, and most anxious that the County Election should not be contested, I told him of my suspicion of the game they were playing, and if they persisted, and Mr Hartshorne not appearing, and as I never offered for the purpose of gaining a seat, that I would resign in his favor, and propose him on the Hustings, as I afterwards did. Mr Hartshorne's answer to the letter above alluded to, arrived on Tuesday evening before the Election.—The Council was again convened, consisting of the Rev'd Kenneth John McKenzie, David Crichton, Henry Blackadar, John Holmes, and Dr. Martin, Esquires, and Messrs James Crichton, James Skinner, Murdoch McLean, and Charles McKenzie. After having a private interview with the Rev'd Mr. McKenzie, to whom I explained my views fully, I joined the meeting in an adjacent room at his request, and having heard the letter read it seemed to me quite satisfactory, and exactly corresponding to what Mr Hartshorne told Messrs Fraser, Holmes, and myself, when he was in Pictou. To others, however, it appeared ambiguous, and finally pronounced so by the meeting.

Messrs Holmes and Blackadar were then elected by this junta of parliamentary and honorary preferments without opposition. Seeing affairs thus assumed the shape of action, I asked with some degree of surprise, "Is it your intention to push forward Holmes and Blackadar?" I was answered by the Chairman, "Yes, most decidedly so;"—to which Mr David Crichton responded, "Yes, we can do it too." I left the meeting, more shocked at the consequences that would follow their determination, and their conduct towards Mr Hartshorne, than any settled purpose how to act. On reflecting however, I thought that bringing Mr Ross forward was the only chance of bringing them to rational terms. I called on his friends and told them that Mr Hartshorne was sold, and that they might publish Mr Ross's Card as soon as they liked. On Sunday afternoon, the day before the Election, I was called upon by a gentleman of this town, who shewed me a letter he had received from a friend of Mr Hartshorne, by the Saturday's coach, stating that Mr Hartshorne had been written to to represent Mr Hartshorne upon the Hustings, thus clearly proving that Mr Hartshorne confided in Holmes, and never dreamed of being coupled with him, otherwise he would not write him to represent him.

On Monday morning I called on Mr Ross, highly pleased at what I then conceived a *certainty* of Mr Hartshorne's election, and Mr Ross seemed equally delighted, at the prospect of a quiet and peaceable election. We walked together where we expected to meet Mr Hartshorne's friends, under that impression. What took place on that occasion is already before the public,—as to what then occurred and subsequently on the hustings. From the above facts it is not self-evident, if Mr Blackadar had any prospect of success, that Mr Hartshorne would never be brought forward, as well as from the circumstance of his being last proposed. I now put it to you, Mr Editor, and to every unbiased and unprejudiced mind in the county, if a total defeat would not be the consequence of dragging Mr Hartshorne into a contest. This explanation I deem necessary, and I hope satisfactory, in

order to undeceive those who may have formed opinions, by hearing and heeding ex parte statements having for their object my condemnation, in order to save themselves from the just retribution of those they have injured.

I am, Sir, yours &c.
PEFER CRERAR.
Pictou, Dec 5th, 1836

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