

mit Her Majesty's name to be placed among the decorations of the room.

As it was known that the Scotch and French Catholics of Nova Scotia had been no parties to this treasonable correspondence, or to the utterance of these disloyal sentiments, the Government, acting upon the decided expressions of opinion in most of the leading organs of public sentiment, and with the concurrence of some of the Representatives of Scotch and French Catholic Constituencies, decided upon dismissing Mr. Condon—upon openly discountenancing the disloyal, and upon taking such measures as would render life and property secure upon the Public Works of this country.

No sooner was this policy announced by the dismissal of Mr. Condon, than it became apparent that the Ecclesiastical Authority of the Catholic Church was to be actively employed to break down the Administration. This power, evidently exerted upon unwilling minds, was soon felt to be at work. The Hon. Edward Kenny retired from the Presidency of the Legislative Council. Mr. Henry, the late Provincial Secretary, representing a Catholic Constituency, and Mr. McKinnon, a Scotch Catholic, his colleague in the representation of the County of Sydney, retired from the Executive. Mr. Wade, a Protestant gentleman representing Digby, in which County the French Catholics are numerous, joined the opposition; and four other gentlemen, Catholic representatives of Digby and Richmond, went over to the opposition.

The result was the passage of a vote of want of confidence, sustained by 28 members, of whom eight were Catholics, and two representing Catholic constituencies. It was unsuccessfully resisted by 22 gentlemen, all of whom were Protestants.

The members of the Administration immediately resigned. As the Government had been overthrown by the commission of acts which I had recommended, and by the assertion of principles which I believed to involve the religious liberty and freedom of thought so dear to the people of this country, I owed it to them, and to you, to follow their example; and to seal, by the sacrifice of my