

the authors of the libel. I then, hoping to compel a disclosure of the names of the authors, brought an action against the printer in the Supreme Court of Civil Justice.

The proceedings in Court at the trial were of an improper and vexatious character; on my refusing to answer a question which was irrelevant to the statement contained in the declaration, inquisitorial and harsh in its tendency, and which affected the interest of society at large, I was removed from the Court in custody of the sheriff. The examination for the defence was carried on in my absence, evidence which I had given on oath was struck out by direction of the Judge, and a nonsuit recorded: I was then brought into Court, was sentenced to be imprisoned in the common jail, and to pay a fine of 10*l*. I was taken to prison and locked up with felons, Indians, and maniacs. A bill of costs was afterwards sent in by the Attorney-General (who acted both as attorney and counsel for the defence), amounting to 90*l*. 9*s*. 2*d*., which I declined to pay: judgment was then entered up for the amount *for* the Attorney-General's bill of costs, and my furniture and other effects seized under an execution; when two days prior to the time at which the sale was advertised to take place, I was presented by a committee of gentlemen with a sum of 500 dollars, the amount of a subscription raised by the inhabitants of the Island, for the purpose of enabling me to satisfy the amount of the execution, which I did on the 14th July, 1860.

In October last I accidentally made the discovery that the Attorney-General's bill of costs contained items of payment which had never in fact been made; and soon after Captain King, who was the printer of the libel against me, revealed to me the name of the author of the libel: it was Mr. Begbie, Judge of British Columbia;—and he (Captain King) further informed me, that Mr. Good (then, and, I believe, now, the private Secretary to Governor Douglas) brought the libel in manuscript to the printing office; and Captain King further told me, that Mr. Good gave him 20*l*. to pay to the Attorney-General, stating that he was to defend the action.