

the Earl of Ripon's despatch ; which a reference to the Journals of this House will most amply shew ; and all said to be so appointed have always been understood to be violently opposed to the principal measures of improvement and policy so long required by a large majority of the people, thereby increasing, if possible, instead of diminishing, the great obstacle to the reform necessary to be accomplished, in order to secure to the people of this Colony peace, happiness, and prosperity, and the full enjoyment of their civil and religious rights and privileges. We, therefore, desire to obtain copies of any communications between the Colonial Office and the Government of this Colony, relating to the late appointments to the Legislative Council, or those of any other persons whose appointments have not been acceded to or confirmed by the King, and to be informed who, among those lately appointed, have taken the oath as Legislative Councillors, and who, if any among them, have declined accepting of the appointment ; and we request your Excellency, as early as may be, to call upon any such as have been so appointed, either to accept the said appointment, and take the necessary oath, &c. or to decline the same. We assure your Excellency that this House and the country have long felt much aggrieved, not only by observing the appointment of the Chief Justice to a seat and the Speakership in the Legislative Council, which we consider highly improper and incompatible with the office of Chief Justice, thereby affording just grounds of suspicion and complaint of the partial and impure administration of justice, but have also had the mortification to see the Bishop of Regiopolis and the Arch-deacon of York, neglecting their high and spiritual functions, and care of souls, and clinging to their seats in the Legislative Council, and devoting their time and talents to political strife and secular measures, in direct opposition and contrary to the express desire and pleasure of his Majesty, as set forth in the