

them, again sir repeated remonstrances, to go in a suffering condition without shoes or stockings ;—that I had allowed the windows of their dining room, and the very sheds erected by the Commissioners for the happiness and exercise of the Lunatics in bad weather or under a burning sun, to be filled with wood, —that I had officially recorded official approbation of my own conduct, when it was done only by myself ;—that I had accused them in the most indecorous language of “falsehood, treachery and illiterateness,” and that after forcing it on the Government, I had emblazoned it on my prescription and order books before the whole household ;—That I had written in the Asylum a libel against the Board and obtained its anonymous publication in the *Globe* newspaper ;—that I had accused them in the newspapers of making false entries in the Minute Book of the Asylum ;—that I had in a secret way, without affording them intimation or access, collected, as in a star-chamber, the evidence of servants hostile to them, to prove them guilty of high crimes and misdemeanors ; had suppressed known facts to make this criminality falsely appear, and had (after dressing up the report and evidence with wilful perversions and exaggerations) transmitted the same to the Government to effect their disgraceful removal ;—That I had even allowed Miss Land, paying £30 a year, to be literally imprisoned in an ill-lighted, ill-ventilated cell ;—That amidst the most fearful and frantic yellings of a Lunatic under violent management, I had turned the key on my door for security, and never ventured to the scene of distress and abuse, to do my duty ; *—That, I had by my whole conduct reduced the Asylum to the lowest grade in the known world for sobriety, cleanliness, clothing and ventilation.

It is an awful catalogue for an Asylum ! But with such an array of facts inst me, I could neither expect or desire to be retained on duty without an injury. Why, then, have the Commissioners been shielded ? Why with such charges, amassed from the records of successive Medical Superintendents, are not the Lunatics (the most interested of all the parties) allowed such an investigation as shall either redress their wrongs or disprove their existence ?

I am told, indeed, that my dismissal was preferred, because I was a paid officer, while the Commissioners acted gratuitously, and were therefore entitled to every concession from the Government. But the Government, when appointing me, knew, and told both myself and my friends, the spirit with which they expected me to be received and treated. The Government withdrew me from my practice, knowing that it was surrendered and my property sold at a loss. The Government, neither in the first Minute of Council nor at the time of my appointment, concealed their intention to bestow upon me the permanent office, and thereby led me into expectations and expences, which could not, without good grounds, be justly or honorably disregarded. To accept the resignation of the Commissioners was to comply with their own offer ; to dismiss me, was to take away the very office with its emoluments, which were the substitute for my lost business, and the remaining expectation of my family. To accept the resignation of the Commissioners was to afflict them with no pecuniary loss ; to remove me was to take away the salary on which I and my children depended. To accept the resignation of the Commissioners, was to relieve them, in their own language, of “onerous and disagreeable duties” ; to discharge me was to inflict a positive and serious injury. To accept the resignation of the Commissioners, was leaving them to the result of

* NOTE:—See page 14.—The evidence of the Medical Superintendent before the Board on the case of Craig.