

gret that there are individuals who are disposed to seize every occasion to prejudice the public mind during the pendency of Inquisitions which have been instituted in the Assembly against Mr. Fletcher and myself, and that too at the instance of persons whose behaviour has subjected them to animadversions or punishment, I should not deem this a subject worthy of notice.—But considering that this Gazette bears the stamp of Public Authority, and that it must naturally be presumed that the Government has taken part in these Inquisitions, I submit respectfully to His Excellency, that the conduct of Mr. Armour is matter of just and serious grievance, not only to the Officers, whose characters are implicated in such publications, but also to the Government itself which is mainly supported by the esteem and respect of those who are appointed by the Sovereign to administer the law. It may be permitted to me further to remark, that Mr. Armour in readily consenting to the publication of these reports, when the Editors of the newspapers at Quebec refused to insert them, has departed from that line of conduct prescribed to him by His Excellency, whereby he was directed to abstain from inserting in his Gazette any matter which might draw into discussion the measures of the late administration, and counteract the effects of that spirit of conciliation which actuates His Majesty's Councils. Taking this precept in a much larger sense than was intended, in order to gratify the factiously disposed, he has deemed it proper to hold out the judicial officers to public animadversion and disesteem.

I am quite sure that it was not the intention of the Assembly that these Reports should be published in this stage of the proceedings, for in regard to one of them at least, I am credibly informed, that it was never in the possession of the Clerk of the House till Wednesday last, when it was at his request, sent to him by Mr. Valiers, the Chairman of the Committee. I submit the whole to His Excellency's consideration, and have the honor to be,

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(Signed,)

J. KERR.

A true Copy,

H. Craig, Secretary.

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CASTLE ST. LEWIS,

Quebec, 13th May, 1829.

SIR,

I am commanded by His Excellency Sir J. Kempt to transmit to you the enclosed copy of a letter which he has received from Mr. Justice Kerr, complaining of the publication in the *Montreal Gazette*, published by authority, of "a Report of the Committee of the House of Assembly on the Petition of B. C. A. Gagy, Esquire, in relation to Mr. Justice Kerr." It is very unpleasant to His Excellency to receive a communication of this nature, and to be obliged to notice in any manner a publication that may appear in a News Paper,—his sentiments on that subject having been on a former occasion communicated to you, he had hoped from the correspondence which then passed they were perfectly understood by you, and that it was your intention in the conduct of the *Montreal Gazette* to adopt a line which would in no degree tend to excite a controversy of a political nature as regards Provincial matters. He cannot therefore avoid expressing