

He next, falsely takes to himself the credit of adding three "avowed reformers to the Executive Council." But we heard nothing of it, till the House of Assembly in Peter Perry's remarkable address, already mentioned, jogged his reluctant memory, whilst saring sumptuously every day, with his 20,000 dollars a year. Is it not beneath the truth and dignity of a Governor to pretend to the country, that he originated a change in the Council, to the unsatisfactory condition of which (although a most prominent grievance in the Grievance Report), he never attempted to apply any of the "remedial measures" with which, he says, he was entrusted, till urged by the said address of the Assembly? But, when so urged, he did, in order to blind the country, introduce into the Executive Council Messrs. Dunn, Baldwin and Rolph, in addition to the old members—Messieurs Robinson, Markland and Wells. The people deceived by treacherous appearances, were satisfied and thankful. So were their representatives. We all felt that, with such Councillors, Sir Francis would, though a stranger, pursue good government which could not yield the grievances of past corruption.

We thought these appointments to the Executive Council were made in honor and good faith; But we were bitterly, cruelly and disgracefully deceived. For having sworn the Council to secrecy, as he alleges, he kept them mute and dumb from giving any advice, while in breach of all good faith, both towards them and the country, he pursued his own unadvised and arbitrary pleasure, now confined to be after the fashion of his predecessors. During three weeks, this deceitful and fraudulent system was secretly carried on, while it was supposed Sir Francis was in faithful intercourse with the Executive Council, upon the most important affairs of the Province. Something, however, appeared to be wrong, which circumstances betrayed, notwithstanding the oath of secrecy said to have been imposed;—for, when we saw a military stranger, on full pay, with a temporary leave of absence appointed Surgeon General, with the avowed intention of putting him into the Legislative Council to make laws for us, and into the Executive Council to advise upon our public affairs; when we saw a gallant Highland officer, Lt. Col. McDonnell, of Stormont, defeated in his just and honourable expectations of promotion to the colonelcy of his regiment, by translating him to a verubial heel, Lt. Col. Vankoughnet; when we saw the Courts of Requests unjustly and unadvisedly constructed, in one instance, even with three members of the same family; when we witnessed such and similar acts of misgovernment, we knew that corruption existed somewhere, though where to fasten it we could not tell. After three weeks, it was brought to light, by the exposure of the late Executive Council, for whom they found themselves duped by Sir Francis Hood, by his swearing them to secrecy, and as an act of unparalleled duplicity, never, during that period, consulting them on public affairs, according to the public expectation he had himself excited, they addressed to him a secret and confidential representation, in which they unanimously prayed, that they might according to the oath they had taken, advise His Excellency upon our public affairs, previously to his final and discretionary decision thereon; and if he could not allow them to fulfil the duties, as