

HASZARD'S GAZETTE, MARCH 12.

quite manifest to all, of a strange union to secure the election of a professionally reforming Government would attempt at reform, either out of place or position for reform could not be. On the contrary, he was entirely in place and in, as being intended to secure the extension of that liberty; and it was reasonably brought no new general, and all returns as would endanger the safety of the Assembly. Officials in the House all surprised that they again returned to the seat appointed to their seat of consequence in, as, of the principles of Government is such a system, manifested, for a fact concerning the same, in mind to carry out the as afforded by the determinations, who, to majority of the electors, portion of the whole, the Government had, hourly unfortunate in his uprightness and superiority moment now in practice, but a very question any system or institution brought about by so mild and parental a Great Britain was almost to be. But, so far was the general satisfaction, in which it had been of them the loudest complaint against it; and, in fact, in many one of them, already established on its whether, to give it necessarily greatly to incipies and the basis of what was in reality adopted was the very ought to have been pursuant to every unprejudiced idea, was not attained, as a body represented the Government. The pure representation of the existing system, but instance of administrative.

The proper functionaries were pure logicians and jealous resistance to or exercises of power by grantment. But these fanciable with the presence, in many members of the Government Officials, as were able the Government to due influence, and to bring it to their will. Underive as it may have been, the people had it in their impeach any Public Officer, had reason to suspect of duty or fraudulent use of money; and nothing less than the most searching investigations preferred against its impeachment. But how if a Government Officer Assembly with mal-practices in his official constitute the tribunal be put on his trial? Not on having no immediate but himself, and men identified with him, to him by the time of officia, a man of whom was public liberty and a cause of interest. What could be that officials, whatever might exist amongst them, indeed each other, as they through good report and of public revenue, so ed, might, were he able to, but deceptive and frustrating the business of his accounts, go on, year after revenue and enriching himself. He spoke on general merely to show what was a system of official union and ascendancy in the Assembly, so untrammel, as to put any official fairly upon his trial, thus the control of a major responsibility to the people with to abide by the administrative and be sufficient to some legitimate part. But this was a Government and used the power to serve, if there was, many great evil might be perpetrated of time, short as it was. The American practice as, but experience had shown the administrative and legislative, afforded the only guarantee one or the other would be able benefit.

Rising to oppose the motion—Mr. Macaulay, said—he did in the year 1850, the Bird high, and on her flight, the old of her; but, happily the from their tyrant grasp, and with the representatives now, when she was well made, by the obstructive assembly, for the first time, to of the feathers; and he had nishment. During the Fall, did over the father of the like? No; but they of power and office against. How much unlike the responsible Government was too long, endured before it was thoroughly weary of it.

They were determined that it should exist no longer; and, at the general election, the party returned a majority to establish a responsible Government upon its ruins. Then, afterwards, the governors, now in office went back to their constituents, who, in some instances, returned them by a show of hands. The time might come when the people might think that their representatives could best serve their several constituencies, and best further the general interests, by being free from the chains of office—by being single-minded on every subject which might be brought before the Legislature. He had often dreamt on this matter; and it ruminated on his dreams too; but neither his dreams nor his cogitations had proved to him that the time for the emancipation of all legislators from the bondage of office was yet arrived. He would, however, ask, with respect to the honorable member, Mr. Macaulay, if he himself, with all the eloquence which he had brought to bear upon the question, was a free and independent member? His (Mr. Mooney) thought he would have to confess that he was not. If he were a free and independent gentleman, he would not be where he then was; for his constituents were among the number of the most notorious of determined obstructives; and, guided, as he was, by them, how could he move in any measure of reform—unless, indeed, he should be courageous enough to throw off the yoke, and oppose their views. And was it at the instigation or suggestion of a gentleman, dedicated to and given up to such people as Mr. Macaulay's supporters, that the House was called to consider any part of that system which it had been chosen to establish? Such a proposition as the hon. member's could not, he (Mr. Mooney) feel certain, have the smallest chance of success in such a house. If the question of excluding certain officials from the Legislature were to be brought forward, the only proper place to determine it would be the Hustings at the next general election. If the present Government, however, continued to act, as they were then doing and had been in the habit of doing, they could not fail, and would have no occasion to fear any adverse agitation. But from what quarter soever the present Government were assailed, they appeared to be impregnable: for, let them make a retrograde movement—let them show a disposition to fall back on the old obstructive system, and they were propped up by the minority; and, when progress was their object, they were not in the smallest danger of defeat, sustained as, on such occasions, they always were, by a sufficient body of staunch and independent members. The present Government was so peculiarly adapted to resist political storms, that its safety was in no way endangered, let the wind blow from whatever quarter it might. It was indeed a strong Government—stronger than any other of which the North American Colonies could boast—stronger than any of which Old Britain herself could boast: the rocks of Scilly were never more firm; and when it came to be weighed in the people's scales, he hoped it would not be found wanting.

The question was then put on the hon. member's motion; and the House divided—

Yeas—Hon. Mr. Coles, Col. Treasurer, Col. Secretary, Mr. Jardine, Mr. Lord, Mr. Whelan, Mr. Thornton, and Messrs. Laird, Wightman, Clark, Campion, Mooney, Macneill, Fraser, and Davies.—15.

So it passed in the negative.

R. B. IRVING, Reporter

Appropriations for Roads and Bridges.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, Thursday, March 10, 1853.

The following Appropriations were reported agreed to in Committee, and confirmed by the House.

Resolved—That it is the opinion of this Committee, that the sum of Four Thousand Pounds be granted, for the service of Roads, Bridges, and Wharfs, for the present year, including the amount for levelling Roads this winter, agreeably to the Report of the Committee of the House of Assembly, appointed for the consideration of all matters, relating to Roads, Bridges, and Wharfs; and that the said amount be divided between the three Counties, in the following proportions, viz.: Queen's County £1500 0 0 King's County 1250 0 0 Prince County 1250 0 0

SPECIAL GRANTS.

Public Wharf of Georgetown—repairing, and building an additional Block thereto

Bridge across Mill River, at Fife's Ferry—New London—for building the same, £400—£200 of said amount to be paid as the work progresses; and the balance of £200, when the work is completed;—in addition to the subscriptions made for the work

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