

form party to use my utmost exertions to bring to the support of the Government the assistance of gentlemen commanding the confidence of that section of the party which had opposed me, I felt that I should be dishonored as a public man if I did so by the sacrifice of those men who had faithfully adhered to the administration of which I had been a member, and who had at all times consistently supported Mr. Baldwin and myself when in office. Prominent among the gentlemen who stood in that position was my honorable and learned friend, Mr. Justice Richards, then member of Parliament for the County of Leeds. Mr. Richards had always given a cordial and consistent support to our Government. I felt that if, in conjunction with my honorable friend Mr. Morris, the Speaker of the Legislative Council, and the honorable member for Glengary (Mr. McDonald), who was then Solicitor General, I had invited Gentlemen belonging to what might be called the Opposition into our Government, and had entirely excluded Gentlemen who had always adhered to us, on the plea of maintaining the integrity of the party, my character as a public man would have been compromised. Well, Sir, I opened negotiations with a view to the formation of an administration. Prior to that I believe a great deal of conversation had taken place with regard to the manner in which that administration was to be formed. The honorable and learned member for Glengary will allow me to say, without meaning any reproach, that I believe he is rather fond of making combinations before being properly authorized to do so (hear, hear). At all events, it had been industriously given out, although perhaps not by him, that my honorable friend, Mr. Cameron, the present Post Master General, was to be a member of the administration as well as my honorable and venerable friend the member for Norfolk, Dr. Rolph, and such was the public expectation. I invited the honorable member for Norfolk to join the administration and assist in carrying it on, informing him at the time of doing so, that it was