

would *bind* themselves never to tell *me* what was in it ; and in consequence of their refusing to come under such *bond*, the letter *was not read* !—and was sent away without the consent of the church, or “*friend of mine*,” being allowed to know a word of its contents. It was no sooner finally determined for me to remain in Halifax, than you made it appear to every attentive observer, that I had incurred your hot displeasure. For on the very first Sabbath, after you had got possession of my church and people, without either consulting the Leaders’ meeting, or paying any regard to my feelings, who was present, you gave the congregation to understand that the “*Leaders, &c.*” were to meet no more at my house, by announcing that in future they would meet at brother —’s house. And on the following night a demand was made upon me for the *DEEDS* of the *Property, &c.*, without allowing me the sorry privilege of attending myself. I told those who waited on me, that they were the property of the *Church members*, and as an honest man I could give them to nobody without their consent. You refused me the privilege of seeing the *church*. I petitioned you by note, and messengers for one week after another, to allow me to see the members, *male and female*, that I might give up the *Deeds, &c.* to any one they might appoint, but you still refused to let me see the *church* that I had been the instrument of *forming* ; and said you were “not going to have the church made into a *theatre* ;” and then you went round defaming my character and representing me as a dishonest man for unlawfully holding the *Deeds* of the *Property* from the people. And for the information of that Church, I here state, that I have maintained *their rights and privileges*, in holding them. And that while writing the last sentence, you and eight other persons came into my house, accompanied by NEPEAN CLARKE, Esq., the gentleman from whom I received said *Deeds, &c.* ; and to whom I returned them, on the condition of your reading from the pulpit, before the *public congregation*, the following acknowledgment :—

“The *Deeds* and *Papers* of the Methodist Protestant Church having some time since been delivered by me to the Rev. Wm. Jackson, and the other Trustees of the Church, which *Deeds* and *Papers* since then have been in the possession of Mr. Jackson ;—he has freely delivered up the same to me, as an indifferent party between him and the Church, with the understanding, that this paper be read from the Pulpit of the M. P. Church, in a public congregation. And that I am to hold the same until authorized to give them up to who-