

To His Excellency HENRY PRESCOTT,  
Esquire, C. B., Governor, &c., &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the undersigned merchants and other Inhabitants of St. John's, beg to approach your Excellency with feelings of sincere respect for your person and Government.

When the highly responsible office of Sheriff of this Colony became vacant by the retirement of Captain David Buchan, your Excellency was pleased to nominate Aaron Hogsett, Esq., as his successor:—the very efficient manner in which this meritorious individual had for a long time discharged the duties of Deputy Sheriff (without reference to his various other more early public services, which are doubtless well known to your Excellency) justly entitle him to your Excellency's favourable consideration, and it was with sincere satisfaction that the public witnessed this your Excellency's judicious appointment.

Impressed with these feelings, it is not without sincere regret that we acquaint your Excellency of a report being in general circulation and belief, that his Majesty's Government in England have had it in contemplation to appoint a person to fill the office to which your Excellency was pleased to appoint Mr. Hogsett.

We therefore most earnestly hope that your Excellency will be pleased to adopt such means with his Majesty's Government at home as in your Excellency's opinion will be best suited to the confirming of Mr. Hogsett in the office of Sheriff of this Island, which, if successful, we assure your Excellency will be highly gratifying to the general feelings of the Inhabitants of this Colony.

We have, &c.,  
(Signed by 124 persons.)

St. John's, December 1, 1835.

To His Excellency HENRY PRESCOTT,  
Esquire, Companion of the Most Honourable  
Military Order of the Bath, Governor and  
Commander-in-Chief in and over the Island  
of Newfoundland and its Dependencies, &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY—

We, the undersigned Inhabitants of Harbour Grace and its vicinity, with sentiments of the most profound respect and attachment, beg leave to approach your Excellency, to convey to you our deep regret that any circumstances should have occurred to induce the Home Government to appoint a High Sheriff of this Island, and