

He was astonished that the Minister of Militia, who did not look for pluck to defend himself, was not anxious to remove the suspicion which would inevitably result from the refusal of those papers, that he had received a snubbing at the hands of the Colonial Minister—that he was told he had no right to address such remonstrances to him. He (Mr. Holton) thought the Minister of Militia was the most concerned in having this motion granted. He had not the felicity to be very much in accord with the Minister of Militia on public matters, but when he saw the substance of a remonstrance communicated by himself, no doubt, to a friendly journal, he was inclined for once to applaud the course he took. He (Mr. Holton) should probably dissent as to some of the grounds on which the Minister of Militia based his remonstrances, but he did agree with him that the

distinction conferred by the title of C.B., instead of being an honorary one, was a degradation, when offered to a leading man in this country, whose services had been so many; that it was a distinction beneath the acceptance of any man who could command the respect and confidence of a constituency; but we were entitled to know, and this gentleman was interested in letting us know, whether his remonstrance was met by reproof, in common language, or by snubbing. He trusted such was not the fact; but such would be the inference if the papers were refused. The true point raised by this motion was as to the conduct of our own public men.

The motion was then withdrawn.

The House adjourned at 5 o'clock till Monday.

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