

organ in the House. He was, besides, without a Council, and had only one out of the ten Ministers whose duty it had been to enlighten him with their advice. Among those resigning were the four Law Officers of the Crown, a contest with whom was made still more difficult by the fact, that the lips of the only remaining Minister in this House were sealed by his oath of office, while his former Colleagues conceived, and may, perhaps, still conceive themselves at liberty to enter into explanations to any extent.

Doubtless, I repeat, the honorable Secretary would never have read this answer,—it would never have been made public, but for this conduct on the part of the late Ministers; but this circumstance cannot change the nature of the documents before us. Who can defend the attempt of the Ministers to take advantage of their own wrong, if not for the purpose of making evidence for themselves, at least to form the colour of a pretext for this Address? Have I gone too far in applying the epithet of *monstrous* to this attempt?

Yet these two documents form the sole ground upon which this House is urged to pronounce its judgment. The very men who ought to have felt it their imperative duty to resist the motion that they should be laid before the House, held their peace. But recently, or indeed still, the Councillors of the Governor, it was their duty to warn him against the dangers which might result from such a step: Yet they could allow this House to become an instrument for obtaining from him documents, which have become public solely through this proceeding; and on these they urge the House to pronounce a kind of sentence in their favour, which must imply a censure on one whose conduct we have no power to canvass!

But allowing that these documents could of right become the subject of comment and of discussion in this House, what, I ask, could be the result, since they contain

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