

conduct, or they did not; if they did, charges founded on them ought, I apprehend, to have been exhibited against me, to be embodied with the other charges which have been preferred: if they did not, the statements they contain injurious to my character, it appears to me, ought not to have been brought under the consideration of His Majesty's Government at all, or put into public circulation to my prejudice. But I am not come hither, I beg leave to mention, to oppose objections of form to the investigation of any complaint against me, in whatever manner, and by whomsoever it may be made. I have, within the colony, for some time past, been most unjustly assailed by unfounded imputations, and misrepresentations of my conduct, without having it in my power to refute them there.—This opportunity I am happy is now afforded to me here; and I shall most gladly avail myself of it, not only to answer whatever imputations are to be found in the two Reports referred to by Mr. Viger, but also any and every complaint, or imputation, which he may think proper, if so instructed, to add to them.—In the mean time, and in order to avoid unnecessary delay, which is personally injurious to me, I hope Mr. Viger will find it convenient, within a short time, to furnish his reply on the only subject to which his attention is at present called, namely, my answer to the charges and address of the Assembly.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your most humble and obedient servant,

J. STUART.

ROBERT W. HAY, Esquire,
Assistant Secretary of State, &c. &c. &c.

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