

ignorance of the Colonial Minister and the Governor-General of the facts stated by the petitioners, against the direct evidence of the petitioners themselves. There is no court of justice in the world, but your Lordship's House, that such evidence would be attended to for one moment.

If the colony of Newfoundland has been so long in this alarming state, unknown to the Minister of the Crown, he has been guilty of great neglect of duty, and should be impeached. What has the Queen's Governor been about all this time? Has he allowed the disaffected to mature their plans of rebellion without interruption? Has he not communicated with her Majesty on the subject? Has he not called for aid to uphold the supremacy of her Majesty's Crown in her oldest colony? Either the Minister and the Governor have been guilty of the greatest dereliction of their duty, and ought to be impeached, or the statements made by your Lordship are gross fabrications. If you believe the statements of the petitioners, it is your duty to follow the manly example of my Lord Roden. He has impeached the Marquis of Normanby for acting justly to Ireland; for throwing open the doors of the dungeon; for the exercise of the highest attribute of royalty.

The former Irish Secretary, the late Colonial Minister, is almost as guilty as the Marquis of Normanby. He also threw open the dungeon gates to the oppressed captive. He, in the name of his Royal Mistress, exercised the divine prerogative of mercy almost without limit, in every clime where England's flag floated in the breeze, indicating her dominion from the frozen regions of the North to the burning sun of the South. No matter which their country, what their colour or their creed, he wrsted the lash from the hands of the taskmasters of Jamaica, reeking with the blood of millions of the human race; he punished judicial delinquency in Newfoundland; he then also threw open the dungeon bars to the victims of oppression. He is every way worthy to be united with the modern Strafford. Will not the saintly Crusaders include him amongst their victims? What a pity it is that they cannot make a Barebones Parliament to complete their holy work! Your Lordship must pardon this digression. I now call your attention to another charge which you made against the House of Assembly, of appropriating the public money to their own use and that of their families and retainers. Surely, your Lordship could not be serious when you made this charge. What will your Lordship say when I tell you that the House of Assembly have not appropriated one shilling of the public money that has not met the deliberate sanction of the Council, the Governor, and her Majesty's Government? And, for an eloquent defence of the House of Assembly, I have only to refer you to a despatch from Lord Glenelg to Captain Prescott on this head.

In my report to the Marquis of Normanby I have made some remarks on the main charge against the Assembly, the committal