

the penalties entered into. In fact it would be placing a power in the hands of designing men to strip a whole country of its property, without being accountable for their misdeeds.

“ He [Mr. W.] was told shortly after the failure of the Bank, by one of the bondsmen, that he would be released from his bond : he did not believe him ; he thought it impossible ; but it appeared he was wrong in his opinion ; for the bill brought in by the learned member for Grenville, which would have done justice to all parties, was, by some strange, foul, and hidden influence, thrown out.

“ He beseeched the house to remove the commissioners and bring the business to a close. The poor people in the country were ruined, many of them had their hard earnings bought up at 50 or 60 per cent below what the bills cost them, and now, when the state of the funds was only known to the commissioners, there were agents despatched to the United States, to purchase the bills of the bank, which must operate to the injury of persons like himself, who accepted certificates.

“ It was downright nonsense to tell the house, that it would hurt the feelings of the commissioners to remove them from their situation, and that it might cast a reflection on their characters—he thought the house ought to consult the feelings of a suffering community before they consulted the feelings of commissioners who disappointed their expectations, and he could assure the house if they did not, that it would be a reflection upon themselves. To talk about the fine feelings of the commissioners, and to say that it would be wrong to remove them, was a strange kind of doctrine. It was language that he did not relish ; it was what he would call a feeder to senseless vanity, which ought to be extinguished, instead of fanned, in this infant colony. Were the commissioners men of more honor, more honesty, or more respectability than the honorable member for Kingston, and the rest of the suffering Directors of the Bank, whose feelings had been wounded by the dark insinuations in the report now before them ? He (Mr. W.) was sure they were not ; he hoped no member of the house would say, that they were, even before the publication of that document ; and if not before its publication, surely, a comparison would be ridiculous