

the last proposal called forth the indignation of many of the respectable inhabitants; and to prevent such an outrage, his Honour the Mayor issued his proclamation, which was rendered the more imperative, by the loud calls of the infamous editor of the *Courant* to the white mob, to pull down our places of worship. The safety both of the chapels and of the Missionaries was rendered exceedingly precarious in consequence of the tremendous state of excitement into which the public mind was thrown; nor is it going too far to assert, that the safety of both is entirely owing, under a gracious Providence, to the prompt and noble interposition of the free coloured and black inhabitants of Kingston, at once the friends of religion and Missions, and the enemies of intolerance and oppression; and who were ready to defend both at the risk of their lives.

It appears from affidavits lodged in the Crown Office in Jamaica, copies of which are now at the mission House in Hatton Garden, that Magistrates, a Member of Assembly, Captains of Militia, the Head Constable, and the Deputy Marshal of St. Ann's, &c. were present at the demolition of the chapels, encouraging the lawless mob to proceed in the work of impious and illegal outrage: a fact which speaks volumes, and proves to demonstration, that, without the immediate and energetic interference of his Majesty's Government, the poor negroes of that colony must continue in their present deplorable state of religious destitution, and that the Missionaries, compelled by the hand of violence to abandon their stations, and take refuge in Kingston, cannot, with

any prospect of safety, return to the scene of their labours.

Some idea may be formed of the present state of Society in Jamaica, and of the dangers to which the Missionaries are exposed, from the late base and ruffianly attack made on Mr. Bleby, the Wesleyan Missionary in Falmouth, and his family. A party of miscreants entered his house at night, struck and seized Mr. Bleby, tarred him all over, and then attempted to set him on fire, which was only prevented by Mrs. Bleby's dashing the candle from the ruffian's hand. She was knocked down, and her child was attempted to be thrown from the window. Some persons of colour came to the assistance of Mr. Bleby, who was eventually rescued by Mr. Millar and a party of the twenty-second regiment, and afforded an asylum in the barracks; and it appears from Mr. Bleby's letters, that, in the absence of Mr. Millar and the Custos, he applied to several magistrates, but that none of them would take his depositions! The individuals who committed the assault, and no doubt intended to murder this unoffending man, are represented as overseers, men more strongly opposed than any others to the interests of religion, and many of them magistrates themselves; which perhaps in a great measure accounts for the astounding fact, that, the very men who came to Mr. Bleby's rescue were disarmed by authority, and were to be tried by a court martial for the crime of protecting a Christian Missionary, his wife and helpless infant, from brutal violence!—*Wesleyan Missionary Notices.*



By a letter received from Mr. Bleby, dated Montego Bay, May 29th, 1832, it appears, that notwithstanding his recent ill treatment, and the hostile spirit manifested by the enemies of Missions, he was about to commence his ministry at Falmouth. The following is an extract:—

Many threats have been held out against us should we attempt to hold service there, and against any house that may be occupied as a place of worship; but our trust is in the Lord our God, who will make even the wrath of man to praise us, and the remainder of wrath he will restrain. We have succeeded in hiring a house, which will serve both as a residence and a place of worship, when it has undergone a few repairs; so that in a few weeks we hope to see the scattered society

again united, and privileged with the ordinances of the sanctuary. We need, however, the prayers of those who are happily in more prosperous circumstances, "that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified, and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men." A violent spirit of persecution is abroad in the neighbourhood. I have never yet had an opportunity of preaching at Falmouth, and the society have been without the means of grace