

looked for. When this Minute was passed, I have charity enough to believe that several of the Directors were ignorant of the merits of the case, otherwise it is scarcely possible that they would have lent themselves to such a discreditable proceeding; and one would be led to suppose that the President and Cashier were absent. But no—the former was presiding as Chairman, composedly listening to censure being cast on a man, whose every act, with reference to the Bank for the last eighteen years, had been to promote its interests—an assertion supported by the condition of the office I have just surrendered; and the latter was doubtless sitting by, exhibiting his returned letter, and calling on the Directors to decide, that for an *unofficial* act, and for *unofficial* services rendered to the Bank, I was *officially* responsible to them—the two positions being, in their opinion, quite compatible. And such, indeed, was the decision of those sapient logicians, no doubt to the infinite delight of their organ, the sensibility of whose conscience being deadened to the provocation he had given, could look at nothing, *but that letter* which I had so promptly and justly returned to his keeping.

Now, gentlemen, are you of opinion that the conduct of your Servants in Kingston is deserving of commendation, or, on the contrary, do you think that they had not the interests of the institution before their eyes, when they thus wantonly insulted a man whose only offence was in having faithfully discharged a mission, which, at their own request, he had undertaken?