

most distinctly appear that the above description of persons have not only opposed the carrying into effect the said recommendation, but offered the greatest indignity to his Majesty and his Minister, by voting to send the said despatch back to his Excellency, in opposition to a motion for printing and publishing it; and, on another occasion, opposed and prevented the passage of an address of thanks to his Majesty, for his prompt attention displayed in said despatch, to the wishes and interests of the people of the Colony, by moving another address in amendment, of a censurable character upon his Majesty's Minister, for writing and transmitting the said despatch; which address was afterwards presented to his Excellency as the address of the House, although never carried through its several stages. This House disclaim any wish to prevent any member, of either branch of the Legislature, from fully and fairly expressing his candid opinion, and giving his vote according to the dictates of his conscience, and conceptions of right and wrong; yet we cannot reconcile with the principles of our Constitution, the appointment and continuance in office of persons, as councillors and advisers of the Government, who are known to stand opposed to the wishes of the people and recommendation of his Majesty, on great leading measures of reform, and who do not possess the confidence of the people, and acquiesce in their general political views and policy, as expressed through their representatives.

That by the Statute of the United Kingdom Parliament, called the Constitutional Act, the Executive Council is appointed expressly to advise the Lieutenant Governor upon the affairs of the Province, and a permanent provision was made by law out of the revenues of the country, at the request of the Government, for the payment of annual salaries to five Executive Councillors and two legal advisers; and as we feel assured that unless those who are called upon, from time to time, to counsel and advise the Lieute-