

dispense either general or local patronage, his aim has been to correct past errors, to allay old animosities, to call men of ability into the service of the Country, and to make every man of worth and talent feel that he has but to command the confidence of the people, to attract the notice of the Government. To make this intelligible to the Country, in the short space of a year, has required much labour, and patient consideration. The Government of this Province differs in some important particulars from that of Canada: there the Administration is composed of Heads of Departments, each Member drawing a large Salary. Only two Members of Lord Falkland's Council receive any emoluments,—so that, if every trifling detail of Administration has not been as perfect as might be desired, the labours of those gentlemen have not as yet brought much reward, although they have spent many anxious hours in the public service.

Charges have been made, and reiterated from time to time, against myself, of which I have taken little notice, but to which it may be as well now to give the answer. It has been said that, by the exercise of undue influence, the patronage of the Government has flowed into my family. I here state, in presence of this Committee, and of the Country, and I challenge denial from those who represent these slanderers, that Lord Falkland has never given patronage, to the amount of a single pound, to myself or to any of my family, since he assumed the Government. My Father enjoyed an office many years ago, and, according to the good old rule of inheritance, his Son succeeded, and has held the appointment since his death. The present Deputy Post Master General has given subordinate offices, of which he possessed the patronage, under the sanction of the Post Master General in England, to members of his family. These have been bestowed independent of the Administration,—one of them under the Government of Sir Colin Campbell. During the last year, one of these situations, after having been twice offered to young gentlemen of the town, and refused, was given to a member of my Brother's family, who held a place under Government, nearly as good as that which he accepted in the Post Office Department, and which he immediately resigned. This is my answer to my personal assailants, and let any man here contradict my assertions if they are not correct. But, it may be said, if the Howes do not get every thing, the McNabs do. A few words of explanation will set this matter right. The seat enjoyed by one of the McNabs, in the other end of the Building, was given by Sir Peregrine Maitland,—and the seat in the Executive Council, by Sir Colin Campbell.

*Mr. Huntingdon* said a trifling error had been made on that point, the appointment alluded to was by Sir Colin Campbell, but it was not confirmed until subsequently.

*Hon. Mr. McNab.*—The Mandamus was out before Lord Falkland's arrival.

*The Speaker.*—The Mandamus was received in the Province while the Governor General was on his visit to New-Brunswick, and