

their unfeigned surprise at His Excellency's announcement of his determination to withhold his support from the Society ; and this under the influence of a Pamphlet, the allegations in which have been repeatedly and completely refuted ; and that in so determining, His Excellency has rejected the clear and conclusive evidence of their falsehood, which has been laid before him by the vivâ voce statements of the Venerable the Archdeacon, and the written Report of two Professional Gentlemen of acknowledged judgment, experience and character, first read to His Excellency by the Archdeacon, and then at His Excellency's request, furnished to him by this Committee.

This Committee also express their unaffected regret that His Excellency the Governor should have now placed himself in direct and open opposition to the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, to whom by the express Letter of " The Royal Instructions" he is required to be aiding and assisting in his designs for the promotion of the Established Religion in this portion of the Queen's Dominions; and thereby cast imputations upon the administration of a Prelate whose life is devoted to the furtherance of the Gospel according to the doctrine and discipline of the Church of England, as well as upon a Clergyman whose labors, in an humbler sphere, this Committee believe to have been as exemplary, as under the Divine favour, they have been beneficial to his numerous and scattered flocks.

This Committee further express their deep sorrow that His Excellency has, on such grounds as he has stated, rejected the agency of " The Newfoundland Church Society," which they are justified in affirming has done and is doing, by God's blessing, so much in providing for many hitherto destitute parts of this Island and of the Labrador, the means of grace as administered by the Church of England;—A Society which from its foundation, has enjoyed the Patronage of the Representatives of the Sovereign in this Colony, the Presidency of the successive Bishops of the Diocese, and the direction of Gentlemen of standing, respectability and integrity in this community;—a Society which has steadily advanced in the affection and confidence of Churchmen of all ranks in Newfoundland,—which can furnish the best evidence of its increase in favour and usefulness in the augmenta-