

a person—or dismiss him without a defence. My mind was much occupied at the time at their conduct, and I thought it strange a vote should dismiss him without a trial.

Had you a servant would you not dismiss him in the same summary way? Even servants I think have a right to vindicate themselves when so accused.

(By Mr. JOHN ROLPH.)

If you did dismiss your servant would you send him abroad with written charges unproved, published as tending to ruin his character? Were I to do so, I do not think I should do as I wish to be done with.

(By Mr. GEORGE HAMILTON.)

Have you heard no complaints of Mr. George Rolph's hand-writing when compared with Mr. Berries? Mr. Berrie I think writes a better hand than Mr. George Rolph, and I recollect Mr. Atkinson four or five years ago complaining of the writing on an Assessment Roll by Mr. George Rolph.

—Mr. ABNER EVERETT.

What do you know of the charges now read to you? I have frequently been in the court and some late courts before Mr. Rolph's removal. I attended pretty steady, but I have not seen any thing disrespectful to the court from Mr. Rolph.

As to the charge, I was present when Mr. Ross was dismissed. I heard the chairman ask who was the prosecutor, and Mr. Rolph did not inform the court. It bore the impression on my mind that Mr. Rolph did not wish the trial to be then brought on which the court seemed to wish. I recollect the chairman asking, and I think he asked Mr. Rolph who was the prosecutor, which question was not answered. There was afterwards some reply but what it was I do not recollect.

(Question by Mr. MATTHEW CROOKS.)

Was Mr. Ross tried or discharged by proclamation? He was not tried but discharged by proclamation.

Have you known Mr. Rolph refuse to subpoena witnesses when ordered by the court? I have heard Mr. Rolph ordered to subpoena witnesses but I cannot say whether it was always done or not.

Were you present when Mr. Rolph was dismissed? I was.

Relate what passed? I heard Mr. J. Willson read the charges in court—His observations were that there were charges against Mr. Rolph as Clerk of the Peace, and they were read. I do not recollect that they called on Mr. Rolph to make a defence. There was perhaps a short interval, and a paper was sent round for yeas and nays and Mr. Rolph was told he was dismissed.

What interval was there between the charges and the dismissal? There was not much time.—I do not recollect any offer made him of a defence.—I do not recollect whether there was a written order.—I suppose it was written, the chairman told Mr. Rolph he was dismissed. The papers were ordered to be given up and upon objecting to give them up, the Sheriff was ordered to take them, and he did. Mr. Rolph requested time to deliver up the papers that he might as-