

The Clerk said that that was only by connivance.

Mr. *Felton* thought the better course would be not to have any report published until the whole matter was disposed of. They had no time to see that reports which might be published, if allowed at all, were correct or not, and he did not want to have any misrepresentations made.

Dr. *Clarke* objected to any report being given of anything said by any Member of the Committee.

At the request of the Chairman all then withdrew, except the Members of the Committee and Mr. Patrick, the clerk of Committees.

When the doors were opened

The Chairman stated that the Committee had come to the conclusion that the proceedings should not be published until reported to the House and that they had decided upon adjourning till Monday.

The Committee adjourned accordingly.

### *Second Day—March 3rd, 1856.*

PRESENT :—Messrs. Ferres, Masson, Wilson, Clarke, and Felton. The Committee sat for some time with closed doors. When the doors were opened

The Chairman said that the Committee had come to the determination of taking up Mr. Macdonald's side of the question first. He wished to know what time the Attorney General would require for preparation.

Hon. J. A. Macdonald said that his chief witness was Mr. Henry Smith, who was in Montreal and he would ask for a summons for him. Mr. Smith was not only his chief witness but he would also tell him what other witnessss he would require.

Some conversation ensued as to the time when Mr. Smith could arrive.

Mr. *Felton* said that the best way would be to adjourn till again summoned by order of the Chairman. The Chairman had very properly announced the resolution of the Committee as to the way in which they intended to proceed.

Mr. *Brown*.—The point was not as had been stated. In the first place Mr. Macdonald says that the person whom he relies on is Mr. Henry Smith, the late Warden. Mr. H. Smith was never a witness before the Commission, therefore it could not be his testimony which was falsely recorded. Any ground of accusation that Mr. Macdonald could have of his own know-