

of Israel to anger;" and he now pauses to say "Why should ye be stricken any more?"—"Wash you, make you clean, put away the evil of your doing from before mine eyes, cease to do evil, learn to do well." Before, then, we rejoice and have thanksgiving, we should ascertain whether allowed ignorance, or "a haste to be rich," or any other vices are the cause of the disorganization that has arisen.

I am,

Mr. Editor,

Yours respectfully,

J. ROAF.

Bishop's Buildings, 1st Feb., 1838.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE "PATRIOT," "CHRISTIAN
GUARDIAN," AND "COMMERCIAL HERALD."

GENTLEMEN:

In your strictures upon my letter in the "*Palladium*," you appear, in several instances, to have mistaken my meaning, and in others to have advanced principles in which I cannot silently acquiesce. I therefore beg leave to submit to you a few explanatory remarks—sincerely regretting to associate your very dissimilar articles in one reply, which, however, is rendered inevitable by your rules for the management of your several papers. The article in the "*Patriot*" exhibits an anxiety for truth and a Christian courtesy—that in the "*Commercial Herald*" is apparently the very best the writer could produce—that in the "*Christian Guardian*" is evidently insincere and spiteful.

Before I proceed to the principal subject in dispute, I must put myself right with respect to His Excellency—for it is insinuated that my letter was an expression of disrespect to the Executive Government. Now I am ready to disavow every such feeling—nor can I see any thing in my expressions to justify the imputation. I honor Sir F. B. Head as the representative of my Sovereign, and if I knew of any thing that I had said or done either contemptuous or hostile to him, I would at once offer the most ample apology. The religious body to which I belong has been distinguished by a patient and uniform fidelity to the present royal family in Britain; and an equal devotedness to popular liberty and education. My intention in my letter was to explain, that in refusing to observe February 6th as a day of thanksgiving, I withheld from His Excellency only a spiritual allegiance—an allegiance which I maintain was claimed by the Proclamation, and which no man owes to another. So long as I reside in the Province, its Governors will have my full submission in all matters within their jurisdiction; and if I do not mistake the character of Sir F. B. Head, he will give confidence to some who do not claim *all* the loyalty of the Province, or attempt to insinuate away the innocence of their neighbors.

With regard to my objection to observe February 6th as the day of thanksgiving, I wish to be understood before I offer a further justification. I have before admitted the duty of thanksgiving; I am ready to acknowledge, too,