

PRINCE EDWARD
ISLAND.

I received the last 12 sheets of the printed Journals of the House of Assembly by the same post which brought me the Governor's letter, but I have no copy of the printed documents containing the mistake to compare with the Journals, to know where or what the mistake is.

No. 3 is a copy of my answer to the Governor's letter; and enclosure No. 4 is a copy of my letter to the Clerk of the House of Assembly, desiring him to find out the mistake, and to explain the reasons thereof to the Governor.

The object of the foregoing is to enable your Lordship to discriminate betwixt the Governor's representation of the mistake and mine; and I submit to any censure your Lordship may award on the score of negligence; but I beg your Lordship will not (without proof) impute any intention to me of altering the documents of the House of Assembly to the prejudice of the Government, or of the interest of the people of this colony.

The Right hon. Lord Stanley,
Her Majesty's Secretary of State
for the Colonies, &c. &c. &c.

I have, &c.
(signed) *W^m Cooper,*
Speaker.

No. 1.

Secretary's Office, Charlotte-town,
11 May 1842.

Sir,

I HAVE been directed by the Lieutenant-governor to acquaint you, that he has not yet received the Resolutions passed by the House of Assembly in the late Session, on the state of the colony.

And as the House in their Petition to the House of Commons in reference to this subject, have expressed their earnest desire that steps may be taken during the present Session of Parliament to redress the alleged grievances complained of in these Resolutions, it will be impossible for his Excellency to comply with the wishes of the Assembly by forwarding their Petition, to admit of its being entertained before the prorogation of Parliament, unless the Resolutions be placed in his hands without delay.

William Cooper, Esq.
Speaker of the House of Assembly.

I have, &c.
(signed) *T. H. Haviland,*
Secretary.

No. 2.

Government House, 28 May 1842.

Sir,

I FEEL it right to call your attention to a very material difference which exists between the printed Petition presented by you to me a few days ago, and the manuscript Petition presented to me by a committee of the House of Assembly, the former professing to be "a true copy" of the latter, which is an original signed by yourself, and strictly corresponds with the words of the same document now appearing upon the Journals of the House.

It is almost unnecessary to state, that I have considered proper, in transmitting these documents, to point out this extraordinary circumstance to the Secretary of State for the Colonies.

The Hon. the Speaker of the House of Assembly,
&c. &c. &c.

I am, &c.
(signed) *H. V. Huntley,*
Lieutenant-governor.

No. 3:

Sir Henry,

Sailor's Hope, 4 June 1842.

I HAVE to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ult., informing me that the Petition printed with other documents which I had the honour to deliver to your Excellency is different from the original as printed in the Journals. I am sorry that any mistake should appear in the Journals of the House of Assembly, or in the documents forwarded to Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies; but as the Clerk of the House of Assembly holds the original papers of the Votes of the House, I sent for him to attend the printing of the Resolutions and Petitions, and correct the press, and when he said that the printed copies were correct, I took it for granted they were so, and signed them, as I had no copies or originals to compare with.

I have received the last sheets of the Journals by this post, but I have no means of finding out the mistake; but I have forwarded copies of your Excellency's letter and this to the Clerk of the House, and he will see the necessity of explaining to your Excellency the cause of the mistake.

I have, &c.
(signed) *William Cooper.*

P.S.—I have enclosed the copy of an apology to the Right honourable Lord Stanley, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies, which I trust will meet your Excellency's approbation.

His Excellency Sir Henry V. Huntley,
Lieutenant-governor, &c. &c. &c.

W. C.

No. 4.