

ter,' proceed to expose both Sir Francis's writing and reasoning in the most perfect manner conceivable. They show that neither in 'good writing' nor 'in fair reasoning' was the pompous and foolish Governor a match for them.

From this time forward but little harmony existed between the Governor and the House of Assembly; and an occurrence which came to light, in the highest degree discreditable to Sir Francis Head, almost put a stop to all communication between them. The facts are these:—

In some way or other the Assembly got an intimation that some agreement had been entered into between the Council and Sir Francis Head, to the effect that, in case of his demise or absence, the government should devolve on a particular member of the Council in preference to the rest. The House accordingly addressed the Governor to know whether such bond or agreement had been entered into. To this address Sir Francis replied—

'I have entered into no bond or agreement of any sort with my present Executive Council, and I do not possess, nor does there exist in Council, any document of such a nature between two or more of the said Council.'

The matter, however, was referred to a committee of the Assembly; and before this committee the two executive councillors, supposed to be parties to the paper in question, were examined. They were compelled to state that there was such a paper or agreement (they would not call it a bond, because it was not in legal form); and *that it was drawn up by the Governor himself*. Hereupon the committee reports:—

'The Honourable R. B. Sullivan, the Presiding Member of the Executive Council, and the Honourable Captain Baldwin, informed the committee, as will appear by the minutes of their evidence, marked and hereunto appended, that a paper had been signed, whereby Mr. Sullivan declared his intention, in the event of his Excellency's death, not to administer the government, although by the royal instructions in such a case, the administration would devolve on him as presiding councillor; but to resign his office, in order to avoid the administration of the government, and *that this paper was not only in existence, but was drawn up by his Excellency himself*, in the Council Chamber, and delivered to Mr. Allen, the next senior member, in the presence of his Excellency and the whole council.'

The committee then adds, with a dignified delicacy of language:—

'The respect which your Committee feel for his Excellency's high office forbids their dwelling upon the mortifying subject of the contradiction between his Excellency's answer and those gentlemen's testimony; and they will only say, that it must of course destroy all confidence in future in his Excellency's assertions.' * * *

In a despatch to Lord Glenelg, dated 21st April, 1836, Sir