

No. 1.
Sir F. B. Head to
Lord Glenelg.

question. At the time the council were about to be sworn in, I expressed a wish that it might be understood that, in either of the events mentioned, it was my intention to resign my place as executive councillor, as it was not my desire, in any event, to fill the situation of administrator of the Government. At my request this intention was expressed in writing, and I signed it.

3. Is the instrument you mention under seal, or witnessed?—It is neither under seal, nor witnessed.

4. Into whose hands did you deliver the document?—Into the hands of the Hon. William Allan.

5. Did any other person know of the existence of the document?—Yes; it was not intended that my intention should be secret; his Excellency the Lieutenant-governor was present when it was read and delivered to Mr. Allan.

6. Did his Excellency the Lieutenant-governor write the document, or was it written by his Excellency's order?—I proposed that my intention should be expressed in writing, and I wished that the writing should be drawn up by some person other than myself; upon which his Excellency, being present, was kind enough to draw it up.

7. Was the writing intended to be legally binding upon you?—Certainly not.

8. What was the object or intention of the paper in question, if it was not intended to be legally binding?—It was intended for my own satisfaction, that it might not be said that I had it in view to fill the situation of administrator of the Government.

9. Do you think you could constitutionally resign, in case of either of the above events, and give place to another who could administer the Government?—I could transmit my resignation to His Majesty's Government, and decline taking upon myself the office of administrator of the Government; I think it is the constitutional right of any individual to decline taking office upon himself: and as to giving place to another, that is not the act of the person declining office, but of the law.

10. Do you not think, that in either of the above events taking place, you would be the administrator of the Government, without being appointed in any way?—The senior executive councillor would, upon taking the oaths of office, be invested with the administration of the Government, without any further appointment.

11. Do you think upon your resignation, as above stated, the administration of the Government could be assumed by any other member of the council?—I think it could, either upon my resignation, or upon my refusal to take the oath of office.

With this explanation before your Lordship, I must beg you to refer to the artful and incorrect statements made by the Assembly in their petition to the House of Commons.

1st. They say that "a secret arrangement was entered into," although it had been, as I have stated, publicly proclaimed to the whole country by one of the members of the new Executive Council, in his place in the Legislative Council. 2d. They say that this arrangement was denied "by his Excellency to us in his answer to our address," although I denied no such thing, but stated that I had entered into no bond or agreement, and that I did not possess, nor did there exist in council, any document of such a nature.

It could not matter to me one straw, whether, when I was dead, Mr. Sullivan resigned, or whether all the councillors resigned. I could have no object that Mr. Sullivan's intention to resign should be secret; if I had, I should not have recommended it to be made public, and should not have told Mr. Sullivan to go before the committee and explain his own story.

But the republicans in the House of Assembly were unable to answer the correspondence which I had held with my late Executive Council, and feeling that they were dead beaten, they caught at this straw, and petitioned the House of Commons, which they of course knew were totally ignorant of the