

begs to refer the House of Assembly ; and, since their adjournment, similar remonstrances have been made to him, and he considers it to be again his duty to bring this important subject under the consideration of the Legislature.

Very recently an application was made to the Governor by the wife of a person named Patrick Kenny, to investigate the sentence of the Police Magistrates on her husband, for a most aggravated assault on a brother tradesman.

The Governor, on receiving this application, did as he always does, referred it for the report of the proper authorities, and he sends herewith the copy of the Police Magistrates' report and depositions, and the Governor's letter to these gentlemen relative to Kenny's case, and the reply of Messrs. Carter and Bennett, Stipendiary Magistrates, relative to the inefficiency of the Police.

It appears that the brutal assault to which the Governor refers, occurred in consequence of two tradesmen having quarrelled in drinking and playing cards in a house which the Governor believes (as far as he can discover), is an unlicensed one ; and, he believes that by the 13th Vic., Cap. 9, the Magistrates have the power, as they ought to have, to grant licenses, and to regulate the conduct of those who may obtain them ; but, without a sufficient police force to carry the law into effect, the Magistrates are powerless ; and, it is with great regret that the Governor believes that crimes against the peace of society are greatly on the increase.

The Governor is of opinion that cases coming before the Police Magistrates ought to get publicity as they do everywhere else ; and which he believes would be attended with a salutary effect.

He regrets to say that since the adjournment of the House, an unfortunate individual has been murdered at Bay Roberts, by persons unknown, and a very serious assault has been made on an individual named Moore, at Harbor Grace. Investigations have been made by the Attorney General in both cases, but without effect.

It appears that these heinous offences were committed by persons designated " mummers," and who have been, and are well known to parade the streets of St. John's, and the other towns of Newfoundland, at a particular season of the year, for holiday-recreation ; and being contented to appear as Christmas " fools" as they call themselves.

The Governor would be sorry to see the Legislature interfere with any innocent recreation which the people may wish to indulge in ; but,