

Creelman quotes further from the report, thus,—“The Committee recommend that all contracts *hereafter* to be made should *in future* be open to competition.” If the Committee did not consider this as an agreement between Hyde and the people, why do they use the words “*hereafter*,” and “*in future*.” Unless these had a significant meaning, would such a man as J. B. Uniacke, encumber his report with them?

Mr. C.—On the Report of the Post Office Committee being read, it was ordered that the Report be *received*, and such parts of it as recommend money votes, be referred to Committee of Supply. Jour. p. 722. Report adopted, p. 796.

H.—Why does Mr. C. italicise the word “*received*”? Because he has told his friends, and they have reported all over the county, that there was no such resolution passed. He has also published in a pamphlet similar to this, that the report was only RECEIVED, *not* ADOPTED, by the House. But this falsehood was too glaring; the first pamphlets were destroyed, and the language was altered; hence the quibbles and mystifications. Read the next sentence carefully:—

Mr. C.—The scheme marked B, is Mr. Hyde’s—to which is prefixed his explanations respecting it, and then he adds:—“I will contract to carry all the Mails this side of the Gut, viz. between Halifax and Pictou, Gut and Guysborough, for the sum now paid for the service, viz., One Thousand and Twelve Pounds per annum, and to continue for a period of five years.” Here the action of the House ceased, and yet Mr. Hyde tells you that, on the strength of what passed in the House, he ordered covered Coaches, costing nearly six hundred pounds, covered waggons, &c., for the fulfilment of the contract. Do you believe that Mr. Hyde is such a ninny-hammer\* as not to know that it requires the consent of two parties to form a contract; I don’t, but then he *was*, or he has stated what is not true. It is clear, then, that the House did not intend to bind the Government to contract with Mr. Hyde, as the Committee only recommended schemes, not the *acceptance of any offer*. And it is equally clear that had the Go-

\* H.—“Ninny-hammer.” The interpretation of this word I did not at first understand, and perhaps am wrong now, but if nail-hammer means a hammer for pounding or driving nails into their proper place, then according to the Schoolmaster, Hyde is a hammer for pounding “Ninnys” into their proper position.

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