

same religious persuasion, and there, also, fire-arms were resorted to, and I grieve to say that one man was killed and others severely wounded.

As these occurrences are all, at present, the subject of judicial enquiry, I abstain from further comment ; but I have to assure you that the Government is determined that all these most calamitous events, and the causes which gave rise to them, shall undergo the strictest investigation, with a view that, if possible, some of the perpetrators of these outrages may be discovered, and a repetition of them prevented—that the people of this Colony shall be informed on the subject, and that the events which have taken place shall be fully and fairly represented to Her Majesty's Government, to be laid before the Imperial Parliament, I being instructed, as all Governors are, to communicate information on every event of importance which may occur in any of the Queen's Colonies forming integral parts of the British Empire.

*Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Assembly :*

There are some cases arising out of the late General Elections, relative to Special Returns, which it will be your province to decide on.

You are aware that the last year's Revenue Bill expires on the 20th of May, and I apprehend there is no one will say that this important Colony can be left without a Revenue, which shall be appropriated with a strict regard to economy.

It is the intention of the Government, therefore, to introduce a short Bill to sanction a continuance, for one year, of the present Revenue Bill, without alteration or modification, so that time shall be given for a revision of the whole financial condition of this Colony ; for I believe that the public are most anxious that such should take place, and the Hon. Gentleman now leader of the Government, will explain to you the course which he proposes to pursue.

On referring to documents laid before the Imperial Parliament, and ordered by the House of Commons to be printed on the 24th of May, 1855, I find that the Debt of the Colony was represented to the Colonial Minister by Delegates appointed by the House of Assembly, to have been, about the beginning of the preceding year, £120,000 ; and these gentlemen, in a letter to the then, and present Colonial Minister, state their opinions in the following words, viz. :—

“ This is a state of things which, we humbly submit, clearly proves that there is just cause of complaint, and necessity for a reform in our