

“who would be in the Warden’s favor, would be dismissed. Skynner said, the Commissioners told him so when he was before them;”—please to say if any such statement was made to Skynner, or any other person, by the Commissioners?—Ans.—Most certainly no such statement was ever made by the Commissioners in my presence.

Mr. Brown closed his examination of Mr. Thomas.

Ques. 720.—[By Mr. Sanborn.]—When you say, in your previous examination, “that you have never read the Report, that you have attempted to examine “it since the Committee commenced its sittings, but have always closed the book “in disgust;” do you mean to convey the impression that your disgust was occasioned by the injustice done by the Commissioners to the Warden or any other party, or by the revolting disclosures brought out in the evidence?—Ans. I do not mean to convey that I considered injustice had been done to the Warden by the Commissioners, but that the condition of the Penitentiary, as evinced by the inquiries, the disagreeable position of having to condemn parties with whom I had previously been on good terms, and many reminiscences connected with my position as a Commissioner, always made the subject of the Penitentiary Commission painful to me.

Mr. Thomas cross-examined by Mr. Macdonald.

Ques. 721. Have you any statements to make, in your opinion, material, which have not been elicited by your previous examination. If so, please make those statements?—Ans. I wish that the proceedings of this Committee should shew :

1st. That I was not present at the Commission when Counsel was refused to the Warden, although from circumstances related to me upon my return to Kingston, I had reason to believe that the refusal was well grounded.

2nd. That I was not present (September 23rd) when it was agreed to use evidence, not forthcoming for cross-examination, as *corroborative testimony*.

3rd. That the restoration of officers of the Penitentiary, or removal of others, was not effected by the Commissioners, but that such restoration or removal was, after the Commissioners had delivered their final Report to Government.

4th. That I had always declined to act as an Inspector to the Penitentiary after the Commission had closed, conceiving that, having solicited the appointment from the Government for the purposes of the Penitentiary Enquiry, the object of such appointment was obtained by the close of the Commission, and that it was very undesirable that the parties who had conducted the Commission should be engaged in the permanent duties of Inspectors, unless specially called upon by the Government for that purpose.

Mr. Macdonald closed his cross-examination of Mr. Thomas.

(Witness withdrew.)

W. B. Lindsay, Jr, Esq., called, and examined.

Ques. 722. (By Mr. Brown)—Are you Clerk Assistant of the House of Assembly?—Ans. I am.

Ques. 723. Did Mr. Brown, on the 28th April, 1856, move in the House of Assembly for an Address to the Governor General, praying His Excellency to cause to be laid before Parliament a “copy of the application to the Government, “with the signatures attached to it; in consequence of which, Hugh Cameron, “a convict in the Penitentiary, was pardoned, before the expiration of his “sentence?”—Ans. Mr. Brown did, on the 28th April, 1856, move for an Address to His Excellency, praying, among other things, for a copy of the application in question.