

There is an occurrence relating to a public measure on which I think it well to afford information which I am confident is not possessed by any other living person. When the erection of the present Provincial Parliament Building was in contemplation, several members of the assembly, including myself, had an interview with Sir John Sherbrooke, then Lieut.-Governor, at the present Government House, and conversing with him regarding the intended building, he spoke to us concerning it in such terms as the following, as well as I can recollect them, and in his usual prompt and decided manner. "I tell you, gentlemen, I could not afford to live in this building and keep up an establishment suitable to it, if it were not for my military pay and allowances. I would advise you to make this house the Provincial building for your legislature and public offices, and grant about £10,000 (the sum he named) which I think will be quite sufficient to build a suitable house for your Lieut.-Governor." If this sensible and economical advice had been taken and carried out £50,000 or more would have been saved for other public and useful purposes; for as I have understood the cost of the present building, when completed, was nearly, if not quite £70,000. I will here relate another incident respecting Sir John of a somewhat public nature; and which decidedly proved that he was, as a civil ruler, as impartial and upright as he was brave and active as a military commander. In this latter capacity, as was well known, he deserved the same appellation as Napoleon gave to to his Marshal Ney,—“the bravest of the brave.”

The following is the incident alluded to. A war-