

ings; during Dr. TELFER'S superintendence, rotten tea had been furnished for the use of the patients, by one of the Commissioners, which had been purchased by him at the rate of three pence a pound; they continued the employment of persons after the charge of peculation of sugar, tea, and other articles belonging to the Institution, had been made apparent against them—they published anonymous libels against me in the *Globe* newspaper; they wantonly charged me with making false entries in the books of the Institution; they charged me with falsehood, and treachery in matters which they admitted in the main to be correct; they, as in a Star Chamber, collected from servants hostile to me, evidence to prove me guilty of high crimes and misdemeanors, without allowing me any access to, or even affording me intimation of their proceedings, until they had sent the same to the Government; they suppressed known facts to subserve their own vile purposes, and to this end, filled their report and evidence with wilful perversions and exaggerations; they advertised for tenders, and broke good faith by dividing the contracts among their friends, giving the party who had tendered the best articles for the lowest price but a small portion; (this is the effect of doing things in secret; the people's money is squandered, and important public trusts violated! no honest man would ever find it necessary to do anything in the Asylum, that he should be afraid to do in the face of day,) they allowed several patients to remain constantly in a state of perfect nudity, and otherwise cruelly treated them, while I caused proper garments to be prepared for the comfortable clothing of those most unfortunate and brutally treated individuals—they allowed the whole Institution to become filthy, and infested with vermin to an extraordinary degree, and I do not believe there was at the time I entered the Asylum, an Institution of the kind in the known world, in a more deplorable and disgraceful condition.

With such an array of facts, I cannot imagine how the Hon. the Attorney General could find any difficulty in deciding which of the Commissioners it would be proper to "try," as by looking over the records of the Institution, we find that most of them never attended to their duty

at all, and for such neglect, should have been relieved of office without delay. Those who did attend, and allowed one quarter of the charges above enumerated, to exist, should be discharged for gross ignorance or wilfully neglecting to correct such pernicious practices.

To enter into any comment upon the speeches would be superfluous, as every charge made against me, (all that could be made were made) by the Hon. the Attorney General and the Hon. Mr. Price, is ably and fully refuted in the speech and reply of the Hon. H. J. Boulton.

As to the "Responsible Government" aspect of the question, I have but to add, that as a warm and (I trust) ever-consistent supporter of the system, I cannot but look upon the course taken by the Administration in stifling enquiry into the merits of the case, as being destructive of its very first principles.

The appeal of the Hon. Mr. BALDWIN to the House on the ground that a vote for investigation would be a vote of censure on the Government, is unworthy of him and makes the case a thousand times more grievous. If the Government did not feel that it had acted improperly, why should it have objected to inquiry? If it were right in its decision, a Committee of the Legislature would have confirmed it after a due examination of the facts—if wrong, a strong and generous Government should have had manliness and courage enough to acknowledge its error. If the Administration for the time being can by threatening resignation, frighten the people's Representatives into a stifling of inquiry into alleged abuses, then Responsible Government is a delusion, a mockery and a snare. If, at the mere dictum of the Cabinet, the majority of the House is to be prevented from exercising its own independent judgment on the acts of its servants,—if the House is to be the echo of the Ministry, instead of the Ministry echoing the matured opinions and judgment of the House and country, then is the House and the people responsible to the Ministry, instead of the Ministry being responsible to them—a system of responsibility from which every lover of British fairplay, will from the bottom of his heart pray to be delivered.

It must not be supposed that because