

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,
8th December, 1853.

SIR,—I have received your letter of the 7th inst. in which you ask me to permit Judge Simms and yourself to have a copy of the resolution and correspondence which I recently submitted for your perusal ; and add that the Judge and yourself had heard versions of the affair, some of which you conceived were not strictly consonant with truth.

2.—I, also, have been, for some time, aware that statements of an erroneous character were current on the subject of those papers ; and as it is desirable that it should be placed in its true light, which you and the Judge will have the opportunity of doing by having the papers before you, I willingly put His Honor and yourself in possession of a copy of them for that purpose.

3.—Stress is laid in the Resolution on my having accepted the office of Patron of the Society ; and on my having, in that character, delivered an Address at the Annual Meeting. I accepted the office on the understanding, of course, that the objects of the Society being laudable, its proceedings would be equally commendable : so, likewise, my address was especially designed by me to be a protest against whatever might be contrary to the genius and principles of the Church of England.

4.—In the month of July or August last,—but I cannot speak precisely as to the time—a pamphlet was placed in my hands, from which it appeared that a Clergyman, at one of the outports, had demanded a larger sum for his ministrations, from one of his parishioners, the son of the author of the pamphlet, than he was willing and professed himself able to pay. The matter was accordingly referred by Mr. Collett to the Bishop, who defended and sanctioned the proceedings of the Clergyman.

5.—With reference to the principle involved in this matter, I, in the correspondence, expressed the opinion