

Fort Townshend.

August 15th. 1811.

The Chief Justice the complainants,  
and the Principal Civil Officers that is to say the  
Chief Magistrates the High Sheriff and the Judge of  
the Vice Admiralty Court being assembled in pursuance  
of the Governor's directions his Excellency addressed  
them as follows.

Mr Chief Justice.

Gentlemen,

I have preferred in  
this instance for which I have called you together  
a verbal communication rather than a written one,  
because it appears to be desirable that it should be  
made in the presence of all the persons whom I have  
here assembled.

Gentlemen of the Committee of Merchants

The very day of my arrival  
in England I transmitted copies of all your complaints  
against the Chief Justice to the Earl of Liverpool

His

His Majesty's Secretary of State and to the Lords of the Committee of privy Council appointed for the consideration of all matters relating to Trade and Foreign Plantation.

Mr Chief Justice.

I furnished you with a copy of the latter in which these complaints were made as soon as I received it last Year.

You transmitted to me in England sundry papers containing answers to the several accusations against you, and I laid them all before the Earl of Liverpool, who transmitted them immediately to the Lords of the Committee of privy Council.

On the 22nd of June the Earl of Liverpool by direction of His Royal Highness the Prince Regent, enclosed to me a copy of the minute of their Lordships on the subject and directed my attention to the several points contained therein.

This minute shall be now read to you but I will first state, that I laid before His Majesty's Ministers the whole of the charges against the Chief Justice without any consent to bear upon them

them in either direction; and that when I received his replies I forwarded them equally without a comment.

Here the Minute was read.

Vide Folie 302.

The Governor proceeded.

Mr Chief Justice, I deliver to you a copy of this minute. Gentlemen, of the Committee I deliver to you also a copy.

You have perceived the points upon which a final decision has been formed, and you will refrain from recurring to them, I invite you to produce all the evidence that you can in support of your remaining charges, but it must be written evidence, and must be delivered to me by the 25th of September.

Mr Chief Justice you have seen what charges remain unanswered or require farther explanation on your part, and you will not fail to furnish me with the fullest replies that you may be able to give.

(sd) J.T. Duckworth.

Fert Townshend.

September 25th. 1844.

Sir,

I have received your letter of yesterday requesting me to allow the Committee of Merchants a few more days for making out the proof of their charges against the Chief Justice, and in consideration of the reason which you have assigned for this request I have no objection to comply with it.

However as my motive for fixing this day as the entest was that after you had made out your case in as substantial a form as you thought proper, the Chief Justice might have nearly an equal length of time allowed him before my departure for drawing up his reply.

I cannot by any means acquisce in any longer delay than literally such as you have requested, and I must therefore desire to be furnished with whatever the Committee may have to bring forward within a few days.

With respect to your second request to be permitted a copy of the  
defence

Defence which the Chief Justice sent home, I am  
to acquaint you that I did not allow any copy  
of it to be taken, and that the original was  
forwarded instantly in the shape that I received  
it in.

I am &c.

(sd) J.T. Duckwerth.

To Pat Huie Esq.  
St John's.

St. John's,

12th October, 1811.

Sir,

I had the honour of receiving Your Excellency's letter of yesterday, desiring the Committee of Merchants to present to Your Excellency immediately whatever they had further to say on the subject of their complaint against the Chief Justice.

In behalf of the Society I have now to inform Your Excellency that had the Chief Justice's remarks been laid before them at the time they were requested, the business would have been long ago before Your Excellency, but as it is only lately that they had an opportunity of seeing them, it has required a little longer time than was expected.

The Society are drawing up the documents with as much expedition as they are capable of, consistent with the full and explicit manner in which they mean to enter into this business.

And I now hope to have the honour of forwarding them to Your Excellency in a very few days hence, till when, I have &c.

(Sd) Patk. Huie.

His Excellency

Sir J. T. Duckworth, K. B.