

this Province, that severall attorneys by orders of Council without being Legally convicted of any crime have been dismissed from their practice as attorneys much to the dissatisfaction of the Court and Country where they practice, and as the Committee is informed. George Plater, Mr. Dent and Robt. Goldsbrough Esq^r by the Names of the Kings Council at Law have signed an Opinion under their hands that justifies the S^d Orders of Council to the Gen^l dissatisfaction of the Inhabitants of this Province, the Government never pretending to any such power before from the first Seating of this Province and therefore desire that the House would move His Ex^{ty} the Gov^r that the said Opinion signed as aforesaid may be publicly burnt by the Sheriff of New Brunswick County.

Ordered that Thomas Reynolds Esq^r att. Gen^l do and take Mr. George Plater, Mr. William Dent, and Mr. Robert Goldsbrough into custody and bring them before this House.

Who being brought to the barre of the House in custody of the Esq^r att. Gen^l and examined why they would presume to give their opinions so contrary to Law in relation to the deposing of Attorneys.

Mr. Dent says that without due proof of some Misdemeanour the House should not conceive ill of them, that he will be very Ingenious and not deny any thing that he ever did, and that he hath always faithfully and honestly behaved himself in the Station of His Maty^s Solicitor Gen^l of this Province, and when called by His Ex^{ty} the Gov^r hath faithfully given his Opinion to the best of his Judgment and apprehensions.

Whereupon the said Gentlemen of His Maty^s Honble Council are dismissed and Ordered to attend the House in the afternoon.

Ordered that Major Walter Smith and Mr. Benjamin Heald go to the Clarke of the Committee and demand Copies of the severall proceedings in Council relating to the dismissal of Mr. James Crauford from being any Attorney.

Further Reported by the said Committee of Agrievances that whereas by an Ordinance of Assembly there is 400^l of Job^l allowed for Giving of Bonds due to His Maty^s Attorney Gen^l, and other the Kings Lawyers for Lucre of the said Office have put in Suite severall Bonds when Certificates have been lodged in the Secetarys office for discharge of the same, and have likewise put in Suite severall County Bonds tho' there hath been no default, to the great oppression of the inhabitants of this Province, therefore desire that the said Ordinance may be Explained and that the said attorney have no fees for the same.

Referred to the Committee of Laws to make an Explaining Ordinance for redress thereof.

House adjourned for 2 hours.

Post Meridiam, House met and Called over.