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It will be seen by the following correspondence, that the independent consistency of the proprietor of this journal, has drawn down upon his unfortunate head the heavy displeasure of the powers that be. What will become of us? We shall probably revert to this matter in our next.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, Toronto 15th February,  
1840.

SIR,-- I have it in command from his Excellency the Governor-General, to express to you that it is the pleasure of Her Majesty's Government to dispense with your services as a magistrate. I am therefore to request that you will have the goodness in future to abstain from acting as a Justice of the Peace for the Newcastle District.

I have the honour to be, Sir

Your most obedient humble servant,  
S.B. HARRISON.

R.D.Chatterton Esq., Etc Etc,  
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SIR,-- I beg to acknowledge the receipt, on Monday last, of your letter dated the 15th instant, wherein you state that you are commanded by his Excellency, the Governor-General to express to me that it is the pleasure of her Majesty's Government to dispense with my services as a Magistrate; and requesting therefore that I will have the goodness in future to abstain from acting as a Justice of the Peace for the Newcastle District.

In reference to this communication, I have only to request that you will take an early opportunity of transmitting to His Excellency the assurance of my cheerful compliance with his command.

I have the honour to be, Sir

Your most obedient

Humble servant,

RICH'D D. CHATTERTON.

S.B.Harrison, Esq.,  
Civil Secretary, Etc.

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OUR DISMISSAL (From the Church.)

" In regard to the proprietor of the Cobourg Star, he is assailed in an office where he never offended; he is deprived of a magistracy which he never abused, but which, in the judgment of all political parties, he has filled with credit to himself and with benefit to the community. It probably did not escape the dispensers of this punishment, that the proprietor of the Star held another office-- that of Captain of the Militia-- from which, it is probable, there was an equal desire to eject him; but most likely the recollection of the time when, at the head of his Company, he marched on foot through snow storms and over frozen mud for the defence of the Government against those traitors and republicans whom that Government delights to honour, and spent weeks-- to the neglect of all his private affairs and the hazard of his health-- in a comfortless encampment abreast of Navy Island,--- the recollection perhaps of these things checked his further degradation. If so, we rejoice to learn that any spark of chivalrous sentiment lingers still in the gloomy recesses of a breast in which was harboured the paltry resentment that dictated his dismissal from the magistracy. But let them strip him-- or let him release himself---of all the "blushing honours" with which the discriminators of loyalty and virtue in better days voluntarily invested him,-- we can answer for it that the proprietor of the Cobourg Star will, in hour of need, be again found in the front rank of the battle against the foes of his Sovereign and the invaders of this country."

It may be as well to observe, in further reference to the remarks of our contemporary, that our first intention was, as he assumes to be probable, to have at once resigned the various other commissions entrusted to our keeping-- the more readily perhaps as, like the magistracy, they have been a source of trouble and expence to us rather than emolument-- but on reflection we were apprehensive such a step might be misconstrued, as evidence of an annoyance which we really did not feel, and give to the affair a dignity and consequence altogether beyond its merits. (Chatterton)

We purposely abstain at present from any further notice of the distinction conferred upon us by His Excellency the Governor General, as announced in our last, beyond copying from our local contemporaries their opinions upon the subject . . . etc.

---- The Cobourg Star, March 4, 1840.