

whole time and attention to the business. Mr. Fraser assented to the reasonableness of this view and sent his resignation to the Speaker as soon as the House met. With regard to the pressure of any Bank upon Mr. Fraser I know nothing beyond this, that the Merchant's Bank and the Bank of Montreal are the two heaviest creditors of Mr. Fraser, and that so far as any action of his is concerned, neither one Bank or the other have requested or suggested anything to me with regard to Mr. Fraser's seat in Parliament.

I trust you will not consider I am asking too much in requesting you to correct your statement to the House, presuming your reference to have been directed to me, as Mr. Fraser has for the last ten days been here endeavoring, through me, to make an arrangement with his creditors, which would give him some prospect of being able to support his family, which was the sole object in view, not being myself a creditor of Mr. Fraser, nor interested in his estate in any way,

I am, dear sir, yours very truly,

GEO. STEPHEN.

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Mr. MACKENZIE continued—On looking over the private letters in his possession on this subject, he found that he could not, without violating confidence, make any use of them in this House without injuring persons whom he did not wish to injure, and, therefore, he accepted the statements which he had read as correcting his own statements. But it would be observed that it was literally true that that institution had conveyed an intimation to Mr. Fraser at an early period of the Session, and it was plain that Mr. Fraser was obliged from his pecuniary embarrassments just at the meeting of Parliament to take the step he did, and that the conversation he had referred to had been to some extent the cause of it. He accepted these statements, and corrected his own by them with the greatest possible pleasure, not wishing to misrepresent the position of any gentleman, and especially of gentlemen so well known and who had a public position to maintain.

The ATTY.-GEN. said the hon. gentleman would then exonerate him from the charge he had brought against him.

Mr. MACKENZIE said he had at the time a reference in his mind to the old proverb, that individuals might lie but circumstances could not, and knowing that Mr. Fraser was summoned down to Montreal on the eve of the meeting of Parliament, he must confess that he had connected the circumstances together. He of course accepted the hon. gentleman's statement that he had had nothing to do with it.

The House then adjourned at 4 o'clock, until this day at 3 o'clock.