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PROGRESS REPORT

FROM THE

SELECT COMMITTEE

UPON

J. G. M<sup>c</sup>GREGOR'S CASE.

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TUESDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY, 1858.

J. G. MCGREGOR.—Mr. Haines moved, pursuant to *amended* notice, That a Select Committee be appointed to enquire into and report upon the circumstances connected with the defalcations of J. G. McGregor, lately a clerk in the office of the Paymaster of Police, with power to call for papers and to take evidence, the following gentlemen to form the Committee:—Mr. D. S. Campbell, Mr. Chapman, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Langlands, Mr. Harker, and the mover, three to form a quorum.

Question—put and resolved in the affirmative.

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THE COMMITTEE appointed by your Honorable House to inquire into McGregor's defalcations have agreed to the following Progress Report :—

Your Committee regret that they are not prepared to bring up a final Report before the prorogation of Parliament. Much of the evidence taken before your Committee is not yet printed, and further evidence is required to enable them to make their Report full and satisfactory.

Your Committee not only are unwilling to bring up a hurried Report, but also to ask your Honorable House to adopt it without reading the evidence on which it is based, particularly as its result may seriously affect certain public officers.

Your Committee think it right to state, that nothing reflecting on the honor or integrity of any members of the public service has come under their notice.

Finally, your Committee would suggest that, until the final Report is brought up, the Executive should release Captain Mair from his present painful position, and permit him to resume his functions on his giving additional security for any advance that may be made to him, and also for the proper discharge of the duties of his office.

Committee-room,  
4th June, 1858.