

and quiet about annexation as ~~was~~ ^{he ~~to~~ advised} until the pleas-
= ure of the Board could be known on the subject of his official
position, in all probability the displeasure expressed on his aspiring
the executive authority, [#] would ere this period have nearly died away.

There has been no barrier offered to a free discussion of the
subject of annexation. In Mr. Ranunculus's time there were several
public meetings called, at which there was much arguing, said to be
done with a view to arrive at definite conclusions with reference
to future annexation. You may see, Sir, that this was not the point
where proceeded any difference among the people, nor did the report
given in celebration of the independence of the Republic have an effect
of creating any dissatisfaction, as none presumed to take exceptions
to it. But when their intention of the members of this "Club" to hoist the
flag ^{of} that government, was made public, the people became excited and dis-
= pleased. Had this been intended with no improper motives, there could
have been no fault found of their proceedings on this head. Again, a
bitter dispute between one of their party and one of the best uniformly
behaved of our Colonists, which took place a day before this intended
celebration, had with other movements an effect to heighten the excite-
= ment of the people. And again, there were several of the best
informed persons of their party who declared themselves to be citizens
of the Republic and citizens also of this Colony, in defiance of the
project determined on. The last you know, Sir, was in defiance

The people were opposed to him on account of his having previously said that he had sent his resignation to the Board
by last packet.

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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