

A MYSTERIOUS PROCEEDING.

In another column will be seen a communication purporting to have been written by A. H. Lissak of the Assembly. It is something of an explanation of, or apology for, a communication in the ENTERPRISE of yesterday. From certain mysterious proceedings in the Assembly yesterday afternoon, during the absence of Mr. Lissak, and the fact that the communication is not in the handwriting of that gentleman, we are disposed to regard it as a forgery. A glance at the Assembly proceedings leaves little doubt, in fact, concerning its authorship. From the violent assault made upon Mr. Lissak, during his absence, by R. D. Ferguson, and the bungling manner in which the communication is put together, it might with reason be attributed to the author of that celebrated inaugural address, to which allusion has frequently been made in these columns; but the proceedings point quite unmistakably to Mitchell and Mayhugh as the joint projectors of the explanation. We will explain. Exasperated beyond measure at Mr. Lissak's last apology, which amounted to a reiteration of his previous charges of theft and perjury against a majority of his fellow-members, a resolution was introduced early in the afternoon to have the rebellious law-maker expelled from his seat and thrown into the street by the Sergeant-at-Arms. The resolution was plainly out of order, inasmuch as a resolution of a similar character had been made a special order for Friday; but it was violently discussed, and finally put to a vote and lost. During the discussion Mayhugh volunteered to find Lissak, who was absent, within an hour, and compel or induce him to sign some sort of an apology to the House. This proffer probably saved Mr. Lissak from prompt expulsion. However, the announcement of the vote was deferred until to-day, and several members started out in search of Mr. Lissak. From the fact that the postponement of the announcement of the vote on the Gambling bill cost the enemies of the measure some six or seven thousand dollars, we find it difficult to resist the conviction that Mr. Lissak, who is a man of substance, was subjected to a similar condition of uncertainty for twenty-four hours for financial purposes, and that while one or two members were in search of him for an apology, most of them were after coin. Ferguson blustered wildly of the dignity and honor of the House, from which we infer that an apology from Mr. Lissak was not exactly what he wanted. We are not informed that Mr. Lissak was found, but an explanation, with his name attached to it, was forwarded to us, and we give it. The body of the communication is not in the handwriting of Mr. Lissak, and the signature is evidently in a disguised hand. It wears the look of a forgery, and we shall probably learn from Mr. Lissak to-morrow that it is one.