

Oxford University Press Apologises

The Editor of the Oxford University Press has issued a letter of apology to the people of Jamaica, in relation to the meaning and definition that is now posted in the Concise Oxford Dictionary for the word 'Maroon'.

Minister of Transport and Works, Mike Henry, a historian and publisher, says that he is in receipt of the letter from the Oxford University Press, in response to a letter that he had written to them on the subject of the Maroons. "I have received a letter from the editor of Oxford University Press apologizing to the people of Jamaica, that in that description of Maroons (in its Concise Dictionary) there was no mention of the Jamaican Maroons defeating the British in two wars, there was no mention of Nanny our National Hero, instead they were referred to as a tribe of people somewhere off the coast of some little island," he stated. According to Minister Henry, the Editor of the Dictionary has promised in his letter to correct the anomaly in future publications of the Dictionary. Mr. Henry made the disclosure while delivering the main address at a ceremony to mark the handing over of keys and official opening of the Falmouth Fisherfolk Village, in Falmouth, Trelawny, on Thursday (July 16). The Fisherfolk Village has been constructed at a cost of some \$9 million by the Port Authority of Jamaica. This is a view to relocating some 100 fisherfolk in Falmouth, to facilitate the planned development of the Falmouth Harbour and Pier.