**Answers to Questions on Joseph Howe**

*1) What is an editorial?*

In the editorial section the editor would often write long essays   
that gave opinions on political issues or on which candidate to   
support in an election.

*2) Who was Joseph Howe? Where was he from?*

Joseph Howe was a member of the elite who owned a newspaper. He   
also later became a politician. He was from Nova Scotia and was a reformer.

*3) What is Freedom of the Press?*

This is the right of a newspaper to print anything that is true even   
if it goes against the government This is one of the signs of a   
strong democracy!

*4) What was the letter about that was published New Years Day?*

The letter said that each year large sums of money that were   
supposed to be used for helping the poor were being taken by the   
magistrates.

*5) How did the magistrates respond?*

They responded by bringing him to court on charges that he lied   
(libel)

*6) What was the verdict at the end of the trial?*

He was found not guilty and set free!