

of two of your Excellency's predecessors in the Government, viz. Sir Francis Bond Head, and the late Lord Sydenham, of the hopelessness of the attempt and which was communicated by the former in a despatch to the Home Government, directed to Lord Glenelg, then Colonial Secretary, dated 20th November, 1836, an extract from which Your Memorialist begs to submit for your Excellency's perusal.

“ During my inspectional tour of the Province, I visited with one or two trifling exceptions, the whole of the Indian Settlements in Upper Canada, and in doing so, made it my duty to enter every Shanty or Cottage, being desirous to judge with my own eyes of the actual situation of that portion of the Indian population which is undergoing the operations of being civilized. Whenever, or, wherever, the two races come into contact with each other, it is sure to prove fatal to the red men. “ The red men ” lately exclaimed a celebrated Miami-Cacique, “ are melting like snow before the sun.”

However brave, for a short time he may resist our bayonets and our fire-arms, sooner or later he is called upon by death, to submit to his decree. If we stretch forth the hand of friendship, the liquid fire it offers him to drink, proves still more destructive than our wrath.

And lastly, if we attempt to christianize the Indians, and for that sacred object, congregate them in villages of substantial log-houses, lovely and beautiful, as such a theory appears, it is an undeniable fact to which, unhesitatingly, I add my humble testimony, that as soon as the hunting season commences, the men (from warm clothes and warm housing, having lost their hardihood,) perish, or rather, rot in numbers, by consumption, while as regards their women, it is impossible for any accurate observer to refrain from remarking, that civi-