

agree with me, that the ex-Ministers were not bound to consult the Governor with regard to schemes of Mr. Wakefield, which they had no intention of recommending. The negotiation consisted in Mr. Wakefield having applied to some members of the Government to know whether the motion for a Committee would be opposed, which led to a meeting between himself and Mr. Sherwood on one side, and Messrs. Morin and Hincks on the other, the latter merely wishing to ascertain the views of the parties, and the proposed composition of the Committee. The conditions alluded to, must have been that the Committee should be impartially selected from the house, and *not packed with persons friendly to Mr. Wakefield's scheme*. You will at once perceive, that before applying to the Governor for his sanction to the appointment of the Committee, it was absolutely necessary to make these preliminary inquiries. His Excellency was *then consulted*, and with his concurrence the motion for a Committee was agreed to; *not being, however, the Committee desired or contemplated by the Beauharnois agent* in his opposition to the Council—his fulsome panegyric—and his obtrusive support of Sir Charles Metcalfe.”

I have thus exposed, not only the utter groundlessness of the assumed pretext for destroying the Canadian legislatures and constitution, but also the intentional falsehood of those pretexts. I have shown that the facts of Mr. Wakefield are invented or perverted. Yet this is the man who has done with the Canadas, their Governors, the Cabinets at home, the Parties, and the Parliament, what he listed. His acts have been in accordance with his statements. With the tissue of specious though contemptible, argumentation I will not deal. I shall not enter on this mist of “responsible Government,” or the other snares that surround Sir C. Metcalfe, as you have promised us your views on that subject; and knowing the deep attention paid throughout Canada to every thing which emanates from you, I am sure that your views and advice will be looked forward to with anxiety, and be received with gratitude.

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