

gent! If any of you, after having read such outrageously insulting language, can either *admire, trust or believe* THE EARL OF DURHAM, you must be absolutely insane, or totally destitute of all the honorable and patriotic feelings which dignify and adorn her Majesty's loyal subjects in Upper Canada.

I know nothing of the plan which, as your Lordship intimates, you have "framed for the management of the public lands," but doubt not that it is as wise, and founded on *as much* experience as all your other projects. You have betrayed a part of its *wisdom* by observing that you "propose that the entire administration of it should be confided to *an imperial authority.*" Such *I thought* was the case at present; but if you mean that all the business connected with the disposal of those lands *should be transacted in England*, I beg to tell you that the measure would cause inconvenience, injustice and injury to an *incalculable and most ruinous extent*. I have been applied to by neighbors, within the last few weeks, in no less than five instances, to assist in settling equitably adverse claims to different lots of the public lands; and justice could not have been done in either, but fraud and cunning must have triumphed, had an appeal to England been necessary, which, in fact, the unavoidable expense would have *rendered impossible*. In all these cases, prompt and substantial justice was obtained at Toronto.

You advise that "no money votes should be allowed to originate without the previous consent of the crown." This, like the preceding proposition, is somewhat inconsistent with your previous recommendation that imperial interference should be *exclusively limited to other matters*, and if by "the Crown" you mean the *home government*, the measure would be productive of serious inconvenience and injury.

You have been most unfortunate, not only in the selection