

ing them, it is the opinion of your committee that it would be attended with manifest advantage to the community, to take the entire management of the post-office department in this province under the immediate controul of its legislature, even though some trifling temporary expense should thereby be incurred, but which is not anticipated, and which your committee confidently anticipates could not, under good regulations be either heavy or of long continuance

Your committee therefore recommends to your honourable house that the steps necessary for the accomplishment of these objects should be adopted."

This important subject, however, does not appear to have been acted on, by the house of assembly in Upper Canada; and, on account of the rather premature prorogation of parliament in that province, lies over till another session. Should, in consequence of my calling the public attention towards it, the matter be taken up in the ensuing session of the Lower Canada parliament, it will be a feather in the cap of the popular members, if they gain the start of their brethren in the Upper Province, in the patriotic race of remedying evils and abuses.

As the Upper Canada report contains all the objects I have in view, in this respect, I will take them in the order in which they occur, in the preceding abstract.

First, as to the opinion that the post-office, ought to be under the direct controul of the provincial legislature: and the right implied by that opinion, of the provincial parliaments, to vary or repeal certain British acts of parliament: (for it must be kept in mind that the general post-office in London, grounds its pretensions to extend its authority into the colonies, upon British acts of parliament alone, namely those of 9 Ann. cap. 10,—3 Geo. I. cap. 7,—& Geo. III, cap. 34.) On this head, it is necessary to revert to the act 31 Geo. III, cap 31, commonly called in Canada "the constitutional act," where, sect. 46, says, that that act shall not affect any law that hath been, or shall be, made by the parliament of