

less to be an orator, nor do I make any pretensions to that character. I have stated to you simply the course I have taken, and that course I believe to be right. (Loud clapping of hands and ironical cheers.)

A DELEGATE—Do you acknowledge the opinions of this assemblage to be a fair representation of the opinions of the reformers of Upper Canada?

Mr. HOWLAND—It would be impossible for me to answer that question. I acknowledge the intelligence and respectability of this meeting, but I have not seen the lists of those who are assembled here nor do I know the character of those whom they represent. I have not the least doubt that the gentlemen who are here are reformers, but I do not know whether their position is national and representative or not. I acknowledge of course their right to express their opinion if they please, but how far they represent the reform party of Upper Canada I have no facts to show. (Cheers.)

Hon. Mr. MACDOUGALL then rose to address the meeting. He was received with cheering by a considerable number, followed by hissing and other offensive sounds by the rest of the assemblage.

A DELEGATE said that this assemblage was not treating Mr. Macdougall right, nor showing him the respect due to a minister of the crown. He did not believe in condemning a man before he was heard. (Cheers.)

The CHAIRMAN trusted the gentleman who had last spoken would approach to the platform, in accordance with a resolution which had been passed requiring speakers to address the meeting from the platform. With regard to Mr. Macdougall, having invited him to be present, and when he appeared in response to that invitation, they were bound to hear patiently what he had to say. It would certainly be very dis-

creditable to act otherwise. [(Hear, hear.)

Mr. MACDOUGALL, who, during this scene remained quietly on his feet, said: I am too old a politician, sir, to be at all disturbed or disconcerted by hisses, limited—I am glad to say, to but a very small number of persons in this assemblage. I have been invited here by a gentleman who stated to my honorable colleague and myself that he was deputed by this respectable assemblage—respectable in point of numbers and in the appearance of its members, and, as far as I can judge, a fair representation of the great reform party—that gentleman stated to me that we were invited by the unanimous resolution of the convention to be present here this evening. (Cheers, and cries of "No.")

The CHAIRMAN said the resolution was that tickets should be sent to the two reform members of the government in town, which resolution was proposed on the ground that invitations had not been sent to them.

Mr. MACDOUGALL—I am only sorry then that this convention was misrepresented by its delegate, and that the fraud should have been practised to induce my colleague and myself to come here on such terms. (Cheers.) We were not led to suppose that we were invited simply as spectators by having cards of admission sent to us, for that were a small compliment when there are plenty of people here who have the same privilege. We are not members of this convention, we are not in this part of the country for the purpose of taking part in its proceedings. We shall see your resolves and that perhaps is all it will be our duty or our right to know of the matter. But we supposed it was the desire of the majority of the meeting—the gentleman who waited upon us said it was the unanimous desire—to hear some statement from us of our position as public men and as, till a recent period at all events, humble members of the reform