

It is the inclination as well as the interest of Great Britain so to do; and whoever holds out any doubts on this subject, or proclaims the mild, conciliatory, and parental sway of the imperial government, "a baneful domination," is no friend to Nova Scotia, or British connexion, and should be considered as either an ignorant or a designing man. Canada has become so burthensome an appendage of the British empire, from the intrigues of discontented men, that many of our friends on the other side of the water, doubt whether it is worth holding at such an enormous expense. Oppressed we never have been—coerced we never will be. Every thing has been done, that is either just or reasonable, or liberal, for us. We always have been, and still continue to be, the most favoured people in the British empire. Let us show ourselves worthy of such treatment, by exhibiting our gratitude, and sustain the reputation we have hitherto borne, of being the most tranquil and loyal Colony in North America. Let us not be too importunate for change, or we may receive the very proper, but to many, the very unexpected answer—"Govern yourselves: you appear to be so difficult to please, so determined not to be satisfied, that we give up the attempt in despair. *You are independent.*" This is no improbable event—no ideal danger—no idle fear. I regret to say, that such a course has already numerous and powerful advocates in England, and is daily gaining ground even among our best friends, and staunchest supporters. They are wearied out with unfounded complaints, with restless, unceasing cravings for change, and their own repeated, but ineffectual attempts to give satisfaction. They say, they see no alternative left but coercion, which they will not resort to, or "cutting the tow-rope," and casting us adrift. No true friend to his country can contemplate such an event as a dissolution of British connexion, without the severest regret, the deepest remorse, the most painful apprehensions.