

the Government, to weigh down its credit and respectability by the incubus of their personal and party selfishness—and if the Government do not or will not see the odium, the danger which they incur, and apply a prompt and effectual remedy, they will go down without sympathy or regret, without the least hope or chance of redemption. If such scenes, if such doings, as those by which His Majesty's Solicitor-General disgraced *himself*, at least the *honorable office* which he holds, *most unworthily*, we deem; the *Government* whose servant he is, and the *House of Assembly*, which he and his allies converted, on more than one occasion during the late session, into a bear-garden, whose debates, through his defiance of all sense, decency and manners, seemed to partake all the wild licence and disorder, without the spirit of our ancient Feudal Parliaments, whose mail-clad barons did not long urge the tame war of fierce words, but passing from hot arguments to cold iron, proved that, if they lacked the cool wisdom of legislators, they were not deficient in the courage of warriors—it is easy to see that—if such doings are connived at, if such men are patronised and trusted by Government—it will inevitably become identified in the public opinion with its ministers and confidants; and with good reason it will be inferred that our rulers sympathise with *their* spirit, sentiments and bearing.

Now is not a time to tamper with the feelings of the people of Canada, much less to insult, lacerate and outrage these feelings on points in respect to which they are sensitively alive. The question of Church domination is one with respect to which no candid intelligent man can doubt, what is the sense of the vast majority of the Colonists: it has been frequently, urgently expressed—strong symptoms have been most unequivocally manifested, of irritation, impatience, disgust; and yet the Government continue as in a deep sleep—they cannot see, they will not hear. The very fact that the question remains unsettled, operates to the disadvantage of the Government; and the longer the worse—it cools and weakens its friends, emboldens and strengthens its enemies, and would do so, were there no manifestation whatever on its part of a disposition, of a leaning in favor of the unpopular side. It is the interest and must be the wish of the enemies of British connexion that the government should persist in this course, that it should continue to favor the designs of the would-be dominant Church, as the surest means of rendering itself odious, and paving the way for its own subversion—that it should give all its confidence and all its patronage to those who are the advisers and abettors of the system of governing the Colonies by influence and who for this purpose are preposterously labouring to create a State Church, no doubt, as a fulcrum for a puppet aristocracy, composed, forsooth, of such materials, men moulded of such clay as Solicitor Hagerman;—a godly project, whose consummation may be expected at the Greek Kalends! It would be a needless waste of time and of breath to reason with the political owls and bats who hold and avow such Quixotic doctrines, in wilful ignorance of the popular disgust and antipathy with which such pretensions

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