men ; but these men are supported by a
majority of that Legislature whose powers
you are about to suspend. Those powers
are, and will probably continue to be,
used for the same purpose,—the destruc-
tion of British supremacy and power in
one of the colonies. If, therefore, that
dominion and supremacy be to be pre-
served, I come to the conclusion that that
is only to be done by the intervention of ar-
bitrary authority ; — by some attempt at
such changes as may make a constitutional
government work practically; — and for
this purpose it is intended to send out a No-
ble Earl, in the hope that his talents may
elicit peace and order out of these jarring
elements. We must all wish him success in
this difficult mission, for it is clear that
the feelings and habits of our own country
will not permit the permanency of arbi-
trary government in Canada, and that in
some shape or other a system of freedom
must be restored as the only system com-
patible with British connection.

When I say that no other alternative is
offered to us, I must except that of entire
submission on our part, to the demands of
the Legislature of Lower Canada. Submis-
sion, we are told, to the popular branch of
the Legislature, is our duty; that it is
acting in conformity to the analogies of
our own constitution. In questions of
ordinary administration this may be true,
and the history of our dealings with Canada
sufficiently proves that we have not been
wanting in submission and forbearance ;
but the demand, in the present instance, is,
that we should abrogate that constitution
under which, alone, that body holds its
power, — that we should alter the powers
held by other branches of the legislature.
In comparing the constitutions of the
colony and the mother country, this differ-
ence seems to be lost sight of,—that the
colonial constitution is a written consti-
tution contained within the four corners
of an Act of Parliament, while that of this
country consists in one phrase—the omni-
potence of the three branches of the legis-
lature. Violent, therefore, as this mea-