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— Quod magis ad nos  
Pertinet, et noscitur malum est, agitamus. HORACE.

What most behoves us to know, and what we ought not to be ignorant of, are the subjects of our discourse.

MR. MACCULLOH,

Permit me to propose a number of desultory and detached queries, which have arisen in my mind whilst perusing the various documents and observations that have lately appeared before the public on the subject of the projected union of the two provinces. They may serve as separate texts for your contributors to dilate upon, and many of them will probably be found of sufficient importance to deserve a distinct essay upon each. You will perceive they form no kind of series and few of them bear relation to those that immediately precede or follow them; yet I have numbered them; for the convenience of reference by such gentlemen as may be inclined to write upon the subjects they allude to. SOCRATICUS.

1. Has or has not the act of 31 Geo III. Cap. 31 which establishes the present constitution of both Lower and Upper Canada, the same power and effect as the royal charters formerly granted to the colonies?

2. If it has such power and effect; is it competent for the Imperial Parliament to annul, or repeal it, without some distinct act on the part of the provincial government incurring a forfeiture of the privileges there granted?

3. What act or acts would incur the forfeiture of a charter of privileges granted to any colony or province?

4. Have any such acts been committed by the province or inhabitants of either of the Canadas?

5. Is it competent for the Imperial Parliament to repeal or annul a part or parts of the constitutional act, at will?

6. If it be competent for the Imperial Parliament so to do, what part or parts of the constitutional act can be repealed or annulled, and what not?

7. If it be competent for the Imperial Parliament to repeal that part of the constitutional act which provides for separate legislatures, is it not equally within their competency to repeal the appointment of a provincial legislature altogether, and re-