

But, it is not true, that an extended sea-coast, or any sea-coast at all, has been found to be absolutely necessary to the assumption of independence, or the internal prosperity of a colony.— Look at the celebrated kingdom of the Jesuits in Paraguay; look at the interior provinces of South America; look at the increasing population and power of the western states in our neighbourhood. Like them, Upper Canada contains within itself, the germs of innumerable, and Lower Canada, those of several, commonwealths; nay, who will deny, that as ages roll on, these provinces must one day or other, open to themselves the means of a traffic, across the Pacific, to China and India? The interposition of the claims of Russia, to the North West coast, will be nothing, unless indeed, that North West coast be actually colonized by the Russians, previously to the extension of our settlements so far, and even then, it is impossible but that they must, either by negotiation or by force, give us the means for our trade to pass thro' their territories, into the ocean.— Now, considering the matter in this light, and that the British North American possessions, curtailed and mutilated even as they are, by the miserably shortsighted policy, & ignorance, of the British rulers, who agreed to the several boundary-treaties that have been made with the States, yet contain the stamina for creating and consolidating a complete counter-balance to the aspiring ambition, and already overgrown power and extent, of that collection of republics, it ought to be considered as an object of vital importance to the British empire, to conciliate the affectious, improve the situation, and finally, give a limited independence, to a number of commonwealths in this part of the globe, whereby the power, and prosperity of the parent state, would be better upheld, than by attempting to retain them longer in the leading-strings of parental authority, than circumstances will warrant. The only questions, then are, first, whether these colonies, are already far enough advanced or not, and, as I have no hesitation in saying, that they are not yet sufficiently advanced, to become independent, what are the best means for accelerating that end.

The discussion of these questions, however, would lead to a much wider field than is now in my purview, from which I therefore abstain, till a future opportunity may call it forth.

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I am favoured with CONSISTENCY'S further letter and explanation, of which, I shall avail in next number; he may rest assured that whenever a letter is requested to be destroyed, it is so, after it has been made use of. PHILO CANADIAN, is too jejune, and contains nothing in substance, but what has already appeared in the Free Press. A criticism on the *Delights of the Union*, has been unavoidably postponed.