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SOME  
*CONSIDERATIONS*  
ON THIS QUESTION;

WHETHER THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ACTED WISELY IN GRANTING  
TO CANADA HER PRESENT CONSTITUTION?

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AS people are apt to go to extremes, it cannot, particularly, at the present moment, be deemed a trifling question, to consider, *whether the British Government acted wisely in granting to Canada her present Constitution.*

The Canadians, or at least a Junto of them, seem to think that the British Settlers can be actuated only by selfish motives; and, therefore, that they ought to oppose whatever is brought forward by them, some of the British Settlers again, seeing that the Canadians give way to such an unreasonable prejudice, seem to think, that the better way to govern the country, will be to have recourse, at least in a certain degree, to the former despotism under which the Canadians were kept. As I conceive that either of these modes of thinking, if brought into action, is fraught with consequences ruinous to Canada, I shall with all due deference to the opinions of others offer the following observations to the consideration of my fellow subjects.

*A Government may be said to act wisely when its measures are well calculated for supporting its own power and stability, and for promoting the prosperity and happiness of the governed.*

Agreeably to this definition, it will readily be allowed that the British Government has, on many occasions, deserved the reputation of wisdom: let us consider whether that part of its conduct to Canada,