

Baronet, the Member for Dundee, may contend that there can be no advantage in governing Colonies ; that the sooner we convert them into "independent states," the better for them and for us. The sooner the better ! but when ? Should we, for example, now, at once, confer independence on the last colony founded by England, with its 3,000 inhabitants, giving up to that handful of people the disposal, without the slightest regard to this country, of an enormous extent of unoccupied land, and thus enabling them, if they pleased, to put an end to the whole system of colonization established there, and even to become a slave-holding state, as they would be strongly tempted to do, if they did put an end to that system ? Or should we not rather maintain that act of the Imperial Legislature which gives to the labouring classes of this country, by providing them with a continually increasing means of emigration from low wages to high wages, a property, a sort of inheritance, in the extensive wastes of that Colony ? Should we allow the few who have departed, to forbid the departure of the many who would follow if we do not abandon our dominion over this Colony ? Then again, would it be right to emancipate Upper Canada, where, according to all appearances, the great majority of the people wish to preserve their allegiance to the British Crown ? Surely, Sir, the emancipation of Colonies must be a question of time—a question in each case of special expediency. Might we not