

it is but the continuation of the struggle for constitutional Government—that responsibility of the Executive council to the Representatives of the people, contended for during half a century, and now happily consummated in the country. The opposition to it is but the last effort, the expiring howl of that mercenary class, who, by servility, venality and corruption, have marred the prosperity of the Colony, and whom, to our disgrace be it said, that portion of the population self-styled British, have improperly, though perhaps unwittingly supported, by countenancing a schism among the inhabitants of Canada possessing no character of distinction, save the odious one of natural origin, which rendered it the more permanent by reason of its being founded on prejudices and the absence of all principle.

That system in the administration of Colonial affairs termed Responsible Government has now, however, been fully conceded, in as much as it is admitted on all sides,—as well by the late Ministers, as by the Governor General, and by Viger, Ryerson, Moffatt, &c; and what every body says must be true. But we differ, and have been quarrelling since the month of November last, about its interpretation, caused probably by the want of an accurate and settled definition of the principle, it being exceedingly difficult to interpret that which we cannot define. It is somewhat remarkable that a great many political writers, and newspaper editors, strenuously support the system as understood by His Excellency Sir Charles Metcalfe *in the month of November last*, and as strenuously characterise the pretensions of the Ex-ministers on this head, as extravagant, untenable, and even republican, and nevertheless wind up their logical pates by terming it “undefinable”! It is always *definable*,—when viewed through the medium of a Governor General’s understanding; it is ever “undefinable”, when it obviously and palpably harmonises with the views of the Ex-ministers.