

To the Honourable the Knights, Citizens and Burgesses, the Commons of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, in Parliament assembled.

THE HUMBLE PETITION OF THE UNDERSIGNED MEMBERS ELECTED TO SERVE IN THE ASSEMBLY OF LOWER-CANADA, AND OF THE MEMBERS FORMING THE MINORITY OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, WHO PARTAKE THE OPINIONS OF THE PEOPLE—

SHEWETH :

That during the last Session of the Imperial Parliament, the Commons of Lower-Canada, in the name of the People, whom they represent, approached your Honourable House, by Petition, dated from Quebec, on the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, setting forth the grievances which the People of the said Province suffered, arising out of the vicious principles upon which their Political Institutions are based, aggravated by a series of arbitrary Administrations to which the Province has been subjected.

That the enquiry which was constituted before a Select Committee, appointed by your Honourable House, upon Canada Affairs, on the fifteenth of April, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, induced the People of Lower-Canada to hope, that not only would the prayer of their Petition be listened to, but that the grievances therein set forth, which your Petitioners have reason to believe were fully supported, would be immediately redressed.

That this hope, which your Petitioners cannot deem unreasonable, was still further strengthened by the retirement of his Majesty's late Secretary of State for the Colonies, the Right Honourable E. G. Stanley, and the subsequent appointment of the Right Honourable T. Spring Rice, the more especially after the repeated declarations of the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, that His Majesty's Government was actuated by the strongest desire to render justice to the People of this Province, by removing the various abuses under which they suffer, and affording to them security against the recurrence thereof.

That your Petitioners, however, regret to state, that not only does the said Petition of the Commons of Lower-Canada to your Honorable House, seem to have been totally neglected, but that new abuses have been inflicted upon the People of this Province, which if not speedily removed, will tend to increase to an alarming degree the discontents which have so long prevail'd, and will ultimately alienate the affections of the People even from the Government of England itself.

That among the additional grievances of which the People of this Province have to complain, your Petitioners would invite the attention of your Honourable House to the fact, that His Excellency Mathew Lord Aylmer is still continued in the Government of this Province, after having been for-