

elements of authority, of stability, and of progress, in due proportion, in the popular Chambers, without any encroachment upon the fundamental principles of Responsible Government.

These remarks cannot be more appropriately concluded than by quoting the timely words of Earl Russell, wherein he warns us that "by deliberately adopting, or unconsciously gliding into a more democratic form of government, we should take care not to be misled by the notion that we should thereby be placing ourselves under the sway of pure reason." "It is because man is a creature of passion and of imagination, as well as of reason, that in the constitution of a government by which he is to be ruled and directed, it is the concern of wisdom and of foresight to avail ourselves of all the influences which may give moderation, force and sanctity, to the supreme authority."

* * * * "Let no one imagine that without such influences, or some of them at least, a political constitution can reach its highest perfection." (a)

(a) Earl Russell, Eng. Const. New Edition, pp. xvcı—xvcııı.