

The permanent funds both in Upper and Lower Canada are known as being quite inadequate to the support of the Civil Government. Observations of a like kind may be extended to the West India Islands, so that it may be truly affirmed that all the duties raised by acts of the Imperial Parliament in this western hemisphere, prior to the 18th Geo. III, are not sufficient to meet the respective civil administrations and that these Plantations and Colonies have up to this hour been a burden on the Mother Country. In my next letter I shall enter upon the remedy.

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[FROM THE NOVA-SCOTIAN.]

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LETTER IX.

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*On the present state of the British Colonies.*

Mr. EDITOR,

Having now arrived by gradual steps at the close of our political argument, conducted throughout, with a due regard to the free principles of our excellent constitution, and touching on such passages of past history as could be aptly introduced by way of illustration, it only remains to point out what appears the safest practicable mode of composing the dissensions that have so long agitated Lower Canada; and in entering on this field, I shall abstain from all lengthened discussion, and prescribe what occurs to be the most effectual remedy in two or three propositions.