

We now come, Sir, to the debate in the Assembly on the appointment of an Agent, and to your recommendation of Mr. Roebuck for that Office. I have nowish to to under-value the talent or information of this gentleman, because I am not aware that he possesses either the one or the other. I only know that he is a young man and a very junior member of the House of Commons, where at least he appears to be but little known, and still less valued. You have, however, (with your usual discrimination) thought proper to compare him with Mr. (now Lord Stanley.) Are you aware, Sir, that Lord Stanley is not only a man of high birth, sound experience and great attainments; but that his political talent is considered even by the first men in England pre-eminent. Do you know, Sir, that he is not only the most ready debater in the Commons, and one of the most eloquent men of the day, but that he adds to all these advantages lofty and irreproachable character and great personal and political influence—this is the man, Sir, with whom you compare Mr. Roebuck. Truly it is sickening to the last degree to hear you speak of your superiors, to listen to the comparisons drawn by you of political men, and to witness the frantic zeal with which you attack all that is noble by birth or character and attempt to degrade them to the level of those whom you eulogize.—Stanley to Roebuck—Ossa to a Wart—Olympus to a Mole-hill—Manners Sutton to Louis Joseph Papineau. I know not, Sir, what incipient honors the Colony may have in store for Mr. Roebuck, but as Lord Stanley has been recently honored by induction into the high office of Lord Rector of the University of Glasgow, something of the same sort may be attempted here, for the man whom you have made his political Rival. Perhaps (nothing is impossible in these reforming times) Mr. Roebuck may succeed in getting the Jesuits' Estates placed at the disposal of the Colonial Legislature; if so, amidst the rage for public improvement which would inevitably follow such an event, it is to be hoped that the Education of Members of Parliament would not be forgotten,—a College might be founded for their especial benefit, where the very necessary arts of reading and writing at least might be taught, since it is evident that in Canada they do not as Dogberry asserts “come by nature.” This College, once formed, the honors paid to Lord Stanley, in Glasgow, could be accorded in Canada to Mr. Roebuck,