

And cannot transfer that responsibility without violation of the Constitutional Charter.

and utility; and your Committee find it difficult to conceive how a change, which would make the Legislative Council elective, and so give the people a double representation, each branch being in every respect independent of the Crown, could have any other effect than to render the whole system democratic, and, as your Committee believe, inevitably to lead to a separation from the Parent State. Where the Chief Magistrate is elective there can be no reason why all the remaining branches of the Legislature should not be so likewise—but such a state of things would, in the opinion of your Committee, be incompatible with Monarchical Institutions, and as a necessary consequence, must, if adopted, be destructive of our existence as an integral portion of the British Empire.

For reasons already expressed, your Committee pass by the other “*reforms*” suggested, and take up the third Resolution, which is in the following words:—

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“*Resolved*—That it has long been the aim of the enemies of these Colonies, by deliberate and unfounded misrepresentations, to engender dissensions and bad feelings between the people thereof, in the hope of preventing all union of purpose among the people, and of thereby preventing the reform of those abuses and evils of which the people have so frequently complained, and which are connived at or upheld for the advantage of a minority hitherto unjustly possessing, and still endeavoring to maintain a political ascendancy in this Province, contrary to the principles of all good government.”

Committee trusts that the aim of those who have made *misrepresentations* of the affairs of this Province will be defeated.

Upon this your Committee will offer only one remark. They do not pretend to judge how far the statements therein contained may be true as regards Lower Canada; but with regard to this Province, they can with great sincerity assert, that although there have been “*deliberate and UNFOUNDED misrepresentations,*” as well before as