

Chap. arisen, and differences continuing to prevail between
 xxxv. the branches of the Colonial Legislature, as well as
 1834. between the House of Assembly and His Majesty's
 government; those unhappy differences appear to
 your committee no less calculated to check the pro-
 gress of improvement in one of the most important
 of our colonial possessions, than to effect most inju-
 riously the interest of the British empire.

"Your committee believe that they will best dis-
 charge their duty by withholding any further opinion
 on the points still in dispute.

"It has appeared to them that some mutual mis-
 conceptions have prevailed, and when your com-
 mittee consider the extreme importance that a per-
 fect reconciliation of these differences should take
 place, they express their earnest hope that these
 misconceptions being removed, many of the present
 difficulties will no longer exist, or will be amicably
 adjusted.

"Your committee are also induced to take this
 course, by their persuasion that the practical mea-
 sures for the future administration of Lower Canada
 may best be left to the mature consideration of the
 government, responsible for their adoption and exe-
 cution.

"Your committee are of opinion that it would not
 be expedient to apply for power to lay before the
 House the evidence of the witnesses examined, or the
 documents which have been laid before them."

In the meantime, the spirit abroad corresponded
 to that in the Assembly, notwithstanding the opinion
 to the contrary expressed by Lord Aylmer at the
 prorogation. The French press and the *Vindicator*,
 an English paper at Montreal, co-operating with it,
 assumed a menacing and revolutionary tone, alarm-
 ing to the whole British population of the Province,
 who, seeing the Canadians of French origin every-
 where organising themselves for purposes evidently