

APPENDIX C.

NOTHING is more disheartening to those who are interested in the welfare of our North American Colonies than to observe the erroneous opinion which exists in the minds of people of all politics in England, that these colonies *must* naturally and necessarily desire to leave us.

What is the opinion of the most intelligent colonists themselves on this subject will appear from the following short extract from a volume entitled 'Canada and the Canada Bill,' written in 1840 by an Upper Canadian, namely, by Chief Justice Robinson, who for eighteen years was a member of the Provincial Legislature of his country:—

“The conclusions which I desire the above observations to lead to are, that the British possessions on the continent of North America are precisely those which the circumstances of Great Britain require; that they are placed exactly where it is most desirable they should be; that if their extent had been greater, it would have been a disadvantage rather than a benefit; that they are large enough to maintain a population sufficient, with the aid of Great Britain, to defend them; that they are not so situated as to admit of their combining to throw off the dominion of the mother-country; that they could not rationally hope