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It is respectfully and unsolicitously submitted to every candid mind, whether by any other than a most perverse construction, this document can be made to afford the shadow of support to Mr. Ryerson's gross misrepresentation of its genuine object and design. Apprehensive, and indeed, almost certain as we were, from Mr. Ryerson's flagrant and incorrigible violation of the principles of the Union, that it could not much longer be maintained, we felt it imperative upon us, as Members of the British Conference, and anxious that British Methodism should exist in the Province coevally with British Institutions and Supremacy, to request such a recognition in the Clergy Reserve Bill, as would, in the occurrence of a dissolution, secure to us an equitable portion of Government aid. Our desire, as the whole texture of the Memorial evinces, was not to *supplant* the Upper *Canada Conference*, but to *secure our own*, in case we should become separate bodies. And an application of this kind even, we should never have dreamt of making, but for our knowledge of the fact, that Mr. Ryerson was invincibly opposed to the British Conference ever receiving, in *any* event, a particle of the Clergy Reserves, and *the information we had derived from a most respectable source, that the Bill was actually drawn up in accordance with Mr. Ryerson's wishes, so as to annihilate for ever our claim to any portion of their proceeds.* Under these circumstances, we should have been unfaithful to our trust, had we remained neutral, albeit we had sufficient reason to believe that no representation or request of ours, would, at the time, be considered entitled to much consideration. It required no application of Mr. Ryerson, to the Governor-General, to elicit the fact, that we wished to secure *a specific portion* of the proceeds of the Reserves to the British Conference, and that we assigned as one reason for that arrangement, the probability of the dissolution of the Union, in consequence of Mr. Ryerson's contumacious and indomitable disregard of the solemn and repeated pledges given to the British Conference, respecting the management of the *Guardian*. This we never denied nor dissembled. But His Excellency could never, we are sure, by any possibility, have so misapprehended the object of our personal or written suggestions and proposals on this subject, as for a moment to imagine, that we desired the extinction of the