

shadow, we oppose the views of His Excellency. The Governor-General has declared, that he has, ever since he came to this country, been acting upon the principles of Responsible Government as declared in the Resolutions of September, 1841. He has nevertheless carried on the Government with a Council who hold office in direct opposition to the expressed opinions of the Legislative Assembly.

We hold it to be essential to a Constitutional principle that it should prevail against all opinion, and all considerations of expediency.

His Excellency has admitted that the Resolutions of 1841 contain constitutional principles, but they are to prevail only when such shall be his will and pleasure.

According to these Resolutions we hold that his Excellency was bound to find a Council who should possess the confidence of the Provincial Parliament.

He does not say that he has found such a Council, but that he has been prevented from doing so by the efforts of persons who have opposed him.

His Excellency may have been prevented in many ways from forming a Council who should agree *with him*, or who would consent to hold office on *his terms*; but he could not by possibility be prevented from forming a Council who would possess the confidence of the Parliament, if he only felt or admitted the necessity of doing so.

The Governor-General must therefore mean that he is prevented from forming a Council possessing the confidence of Parliament—because he can form no Council which pleases him, and which possesses such confidence.

Thus the agreement of the Council with his Excellency's views, and with his pleasure, is made to form a part of the system of Responsible Government; and, as his Excellency thus justifies himself for conducting the government with a Council not possessing the confidence of parliament, for several months—the same justification must be as good, for several years, or in perpetuity; and the end is, that if his Excellency cannot make the legislature and the people of Canada see with his eyes, and understand with his judgment, they are not to have a Council possessing their confidence; and thus, the constitutional principle of Responsible Government is made to depend upon his will and pleasure—from which it follows—that the people of Canada have his Excellency's