

14 PAPERS *relative to the* REMOVAL of the SEAT of GOVERNMENT,

CANADA.

tions regarding different forms of Government. It is for parties to satisfy themselves to what extent they may proceed with such speculations without the risk of compromising themselves by a breach of the laws of the land. When, however, an individual arrives at the deliberate conclusion that what he deems the evils under which his country labours, requires not merely a reformation of the Constitution, but its entire overthrow; and when such person entertains this opinion, not as a mere speculative theory possibly to be realized in some remote and undefined future, but actually takes measures directly intended to bring about such revolutionary change, it appears to the Committee perfectly obvious, that apart from all consideration or inquiry as to consequences of a still more serious character, such party should not be permitted to remain in the anomalous and invidious position of holding a commission during the pleasure of a sovereign power which he desires to subvert. The object of Mr. Secretary Leslie's letter was to ascertain whether the respective parties, being holders of such commission, had placed themselves in the position referred to. And the Committee find from the answers, that in some instances the signatures have been admitted; in others, they have been denied; while in others again the parties have failed to answer directly. Under these circumstances the Committee of Council would respectfully recommend that those gentlemen who have admitted their having been parties to the Address in question, and likewise those who have failed to give a direct denial of their having been so, should be removed from all offices held by them during the pleasure of to the Crown. And that the Honourable Mr. Leslie, Her Majesty's Provincial Secretary; do give the necessary directions herein accordingly.

(Certified)

J. JOSEPH, C. E. C.

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COPY of a DESPATCH from Governor-General the Right Hon. the Earl of
ELGIN AND KINCARDINE to Earl GREY.

Government House, Toronto,
December 14, 1849.

(Received January 10, 1850.)

(Answered, February 9, 1850, No. 448, page 23.)

MY LORD,

I HAVE the honour to transmit herewith, for your Lordship's information, the copy of Resolutions unanimously adopted at a public meeting of the inhabitants of the town of London, expressive of loyalty to Her Majesty and attachment to British connexion.

(Signed)

I have, &c.,
ELGIN AND KINCARDINE.

The Right Hon. Earl Grey,
&c. &c. &c.

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Enclosure in No. 9.

SIR,

London, C. W., October 19, 1849.

IN compliance with a resolution passed at a public meeting of the inhabitants of this town, I have the honour to hand you a copy of the resolutions which were unanimously adopted on that occasion.

I have, &c.,
(Signed)

CHARLES HUTCHINSON,
Secretary of the Meeting.

The Hon. J. Leslie,
Provincial Secretary.

At a public meeting of the inhabitants of London, C. W., on the 19th October, 1849, convened by Thomas C. Dixon, Esq., Mayor, in compliance with a requisition numerous signed, the followingly requisitions were unanimously carried:—

1st.—That we view with surprise and regret the late movement in Montreal, suggesting a separation from the mother-country, and advocating a union with the United States.

2nd.—That our allegiance to our beloved Queen and attachment to the British Empire, are subjects of principle and feeling, and are not to be weighed in the scales of uncertain interests and speculations.

3rd.—That a calm comparison of the alleged advantages and disadvantages shows that it is not desirable, even on the grounds urged by its advocates.

4th.—That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the Secretary of this province.