

next session." Only look at the date of the letter, and when we reflect that the bill was postponed, for the avowed purpose of giving the people of Canada an opportunity of expressing their sentiments on the question, & that these sentiments have unequivocally, decidedly & triumphantly been expressed against it, (for, the ten thousand signatures of *learned* and *well educated* pedlars, shop-boys, swappers, cutters, and counterfeiters, are as a drop in a bucket,) can the idea be for a moment tolerated that the then *present* determination of ministers, which was founded upon the erroneous conviction they were then under, that it was a measure both desired by, and desirable for, the people of these provinces, will be their now *present* determination? But the words and figures following are of themselves a complete refutation of the consequences, so ingeniously attempted to be twisted out of Mr. Robinson's letter, namely, "dated London, 27th August, 1822."

I can not conclude this article without strongly recommending to the public an attentive perusal of the "Considerations upon the expediency of the Union," submitted to Lord Bathurst, by Mr. Robinson the Attorney-general and agent of Upper Canada, printed amongst the other papers relative to the mission of that gentleman, by order of the House of Assembly of the Upper province, and republished in the Canadian Spectator of 19th inst. It is replete with temperate discussion, and fair argument, warped a little, as might naturally be expected, by views more immediately connected with the separate interests of Upper Canada, than with the general welfare of both provinces; but deprecating the union upon the grounds of its inefficacy to attain even the objects for which its proposers maintain it to be the *only means*. It is too long for me to reprint, but it ought to make part of any collection that may be made of the documents, and essays, relative to the present political state of these provinces, two of which appear to be upon the anvil agreeably to the advertisements issued. L. L. M.

*It is proposed to collect, and publish, by subscription, in one vol the proceedings of the constitutional meetings in Lower and Upper Canada, with the speeches delivered on those occasions; and the official documents relative to the projected union; together with a selection of the best essays that have appeared on the subject, in the Canadian papers.*

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