

such an outrage would be likely to influence a man to resort even to desperate and unconstitutional remedies.

On the charge against Lord Durham of endeavouring to disparage and bring discredit on the members of the House of Assembly we must say a few words. His Lordship has stated that certain members are "accused of violating their pledges at the elections," of "showing a disposition to act on certain questions as for instance the Clergy Reserves, in direct defiance of the known sentiments of a vast majority of their constituents,"—that "many of them came forward and were elected as being really Reformers who would support Sir Francis Head in those economical reforms which the country desired." As an instance of members violating pledges we need not go further than Col. Chisholm, one of the members of the committee of censure on Lord Durham, and representative for the county of Halton. This gentleman not only voted in a former Parliament in favour of appropriating the Clergy Reserves to education, but pledged himself to continue to do so previous to his last election. He however violated his pledge and on one occasion at least, during the last session, threw out this measure by his vote.

We positively assert that the recent settlement of the Clergy Reserve question is in "direct defiance" of the wishes of the people of the province, who have by their representatives in *four successive Parliaments* insisted on the application of these Reserves to the General Education of the people.

We shall now prove by the following extracts from the election addresses of Sir Francis Head himself that the members of the present House of Assembly were elected *as Reformers*.

"It is with great satisfaction I have observed subscribed to the address which I have just received from the Township of Pickering, the names of 40 individuals who are known to have been *violent Reformers*."

"I will use all my influence with Her Majesty's government to make such alterations in the Land Granting Department, as shall attract to Upper Canada the redundant wealth and population of the mother country."

"I have been commanded by Her Majesty to use every endeavour to correct the real grievances and to promote the interests of this noble Province."

"I need hardly assure you that I am myself an advocate for Reform."

"They (my instructions) desire me to correct without partiality the *grievances* of this country: and it is because the agitators see I am *determined* to do so, that they are endeavoring to obstruct me by every artifice in their power."

"I was sent here by her Majesty on purpose to correct the grievances of the country."

"It is quite certain that I can render this Province *powerful assistance*."

We need not continue our extracts. Enough has been said to confirm the truth of Lord Durham's assertion that the protégées of Sir F. Head were elected *as Reformers*, and on a distinct understanding that they would endeavour to settle the Clergy Reserve and other prominent questions to the satisfaction of the people. It is not surprising however that persons who could stoop to deceive their constituents, and obtain seats in Parliament under false pretences, should be very sensitive at an exposure of their conduct.

We rather suspect Mr. Hagerman has made an unfortunate appeal to the farmers of Upper Canada when he calls on them