

constitutional remedy to be suggested by them to enable them to perform the duties which the Governor had solicited them to undertake.

Mr. Brown was sent for on Thursday, the 29th July. On Saturday, the 31st, he formally accepted the task of forming a ministry. It was well known in Toronto on Sunday afternoon (1st August,) that a cabinet had been formed, contrary, as it was currently reported, to the expectations of the Governor and his friends. On that evening, at ten o'clock, the Governor transmitted a note to Mr. Brown. In his note to Mr. B. of the 29th July, he had intimated that "his first object would be to consult Mr. B. as to the names of his future colleagues, and the assignment of the offices about to be vacated, to the men most capable of filling them!" (Let that pass—it is too flat to be commented upon.) In his note of Sunday evening, he requests Mr. B. to "communicate the (enclosed) memorandum to his future colleagues" (without having received any information as to the names or capabilities of those important personages,) "in order," he says, "to avoid all misapprehensions thereafter." Strange that there should run through the whole affair, on the part of His Excellency, such a dread or anticipation of "*misapprehensions*"!! In this memorandum he distinctly intimates his determination *not* to dissolve. When asked, he will give his reasons. He has no objections to a prorogation *on certain conditions*. In short, he begins to dictate. He has no objection to abide by their advice, provided they will first follow *his*. He points out the measures of his late Government which must be matured (before he will allow a prorogation,) "subject, of course, to such modifications as the wisdom of either House may suggest"! Very condescending this! "A prorogation is the act of His Excellency." So it is—and so would also be a dissolution or any other act of his; but to be constitutional, it must be previously determined upon by his sworn advisers, otherwise he, *suo periculo*, assumes the entire responsibility. On the next day, (Monday, 2nd August,) Mr. B. informs the Governor General for the first time that he has formed an administration, and is prepared to submit the