

TO
THE RIGHT HONORABLE
LORD PALMERSTON.

MY LORD,

It is generally a thankless office to direct the attention of Governments to subjects that are not in accordance with their own views, and more particularly so to call the attention of the First Minister of the Crown to national evils, if the exposé do not coincide with his own political sentiments. But when the rights of the Nation are assailed, the means of redress are in the power of the People, who have a constitutional claim on Parliament to relieve their grievances.

It is this privilege that induces me to address your Lordship.

How did it happen, my Lord, that the principal Members of the Government seemed so passive, when the late discussions took place in the House of Commons, on the renewal of the Charter of the Hudson's Bay Company? Did it not occur to you that the renewal of it would be an infringement of the rights of the people, or were you silent in deference to the opinions entertained by Mr. Labouchere?

It cannot be that Mr. Labouchere is seeking to obtain private or political influence by acquiescing in, or giving a partial advocacy to, the interests of the Company, for such a course is derogatory to the general opinion entertained of his political views, although his late remarks