

continual state of agitation can either be a happy or a flourishing one, and it is our peculiar good fortune that with us agitation is unnecessary. If there should be any little changes required from time to time in our limited political sphere, and such occasions sometimes do, and always will, occur in the progress of our growth, a temperate and proper representation will always produce them from the predominant party of the day, whatever it may be, if it can only be demonstrated that they are wise or necessary changes. It is the inclination as well as the interest of Great Britain so to treat us; and whoever holds out any doubts on this subject, or proclaims the mild, conciliatory, and parental sway of the imperial government "a baneful domination," is no friend to Nova Scotia or British connexion, and should be considered as either an ignorant or a designing man. Canada has become so burthensome an appendage of the British empire, from the intrigues of discontented men, that many of our friends on the other side of the water doubt whether it is worth holding at such an enormous expense. Oppressed we never have been; coerced we never will be. Everything has been done that is either just or reasonable or liberal for us. We always have been, and still continue to be, the most favoured people in the British empire. Let us show ourselves worthy of such treatment, by exhibiting our gratitude, and sustain the reputation we have hitherto borne, of being the most tranquil and loyal colony in North America. Let us not be too importunate for change, or we may receive the very proper, but to many the very unexpected, answer, "Govern yourselves; you appear to be so difficult to please, so determined not to be satisfied, that we give up the attempt in despair—you are independent." This is no improbable event, no ideal danger, no idle fear. I regret to say, that such a course has already numerous