

is always of a confidential and often of a secret nature, and that without seriously compromising the interests of both this correspondence could not be allowed to pass out of the hands of the Governor-General himself, or of his Civil Secretary, who must necessarily have no connexion with the Legislature, or with any office in the Provincial Administration.

The office of Civil Secretary has always been looked upon with much jealousy by those who style themselves advocates for responsible government, who, in proposing, and, by their exertions, in carrying the amendment, by which the salary of that officer is hereafter to be reduced to 750*l.* per annum, and that of the Private Secretary to be entirely abolished, showed evidently their disposition to renew the attempt in another shape to secure all the power to themselves, which had been so successfully defeated by Lord Metcalfe; their object being to do away with the office, as it has heretofore been carried on, with a view to make the Governor's Secretary a mere appendage to his personal staff, with the ultimate intention that the whole of the correspondence with the Government at home should pass through the department of the Provincial Secretary, leaving the Governor-General without any discretion as respects this responsible branch of his office, and entirely in the hands of his Executive Council.

The other amendment, which was introduced by the same party, is a reduction of the salaries of the two Chief Justices from 1,666*l.* to 1,250*l.* per annum, the necessity for which is not apparent, for it has always been admitted, that considering the onerous duties these judges have to perform, they were not over remunerated.

I have thought it right to bring the subject of these amendments to so important a Bill, which will require the partial repeal of an imperial enactment to give effect to it, under your Lordship's notice,—not so much on account of their influence on the principle of the measure, as with reference to the spirit with which they have been introduced,—which alone, in my opinion, is a sufficient reason to render it expedient that the Civil List Bill, in its present shape, should not be recommended for Her Majesty's sanction.

I have, &c.

The Right Hon. Earl Grey,
&c. &c. &c.

(Signed) CATHCART.

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An ACT for granting a CIVIL LIST to HER MAJESTY.

MOST GRACIOUS SOVEREIGN.

WHEREAS Your Majesty has been most graciously pleased to declare to your faithful Canadian Commons in Provincial Parliament assembled, Your Majesty's gracious desire to owe to the spontaneous liberality of Your Canadian people, such grant by way of civil list, as shall be sufficient to give stability and security to the great civil institutions of the province, and to provide for the adequate remuneration of able and efficient officers in the executive, judicial, and other departments of Your Majesty's public provincial service, the granting of which civil list constitutionally belongs only to Your Majesty's faithful Canadian people in their provincial Parliament.

We therefore, Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, desirous that a certain competent revenue for the purpose, may be settled upon Your Majesty (to whom may God grant a long and happy reign) as a testimony of our unfeigned affection to Your sacred Person and Government, have accordingly freely resolved to grant unto Your Majesty a certain revenue, payable out of the consolidated revenue fund of this province: we do therefore most humbly beseech Your Majesty, that it may be enacted, and be it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council, and of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of an Act passed in the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and intituled "An Act to re-unite the provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada;" and it is hereby enacted, by the authority of the same, that all duties and revenues over which the respective Legislatures of Upper Canada or Lower Canada, had before the passing of the Act of the Imperial Parliament, intituled "An Act to re-unite the Provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, and for the Government of Canada," or over which the Legislature of this Province has, or may have power of appropriation, shall form one consolidated revenue fund to be appropriated for the public service of this province, in the manner and subject to the charges hereinafter mentioned."

And be it enacted, that the consolidated revenue fund of this province, shall be permanently charged with all the costs, charges and expenses, incident to the collection, management, and