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THE APPOINTMENTS.

We regret to perceive that the strong opposition to the appointment of Mr. Derbshire to the office of Queen's Printer, manifested by an influential portion of the Canadian Press, has not yet been exhausted. We regret it, not because Mr. Derbshire can require any support or justification of his appointment by us, but because we cannot but deem it both inconsistent and unjust, that objection should be taken to the nomination to office of an individual, against whom the only thing urged is, that he is not a Canadian, and has not been sufficiently long in the country to merit it. Should this argument hold good no one is better entitled to advance it than ourselves. We are a Canadian by birth—a member of one of the oldest families settled in the Colony, since it became a British possession, and in our early youth we have rendered service, to the extent of our humble ability, by bearing arms in its defence. Moreover several of the leading Journals of the Province have pointed us out as being not unworthy, on other grounds, of the consideration of the Government, yet have we never enjoyed one hour of office of any kind in it. But even more. Not only have we not held office, but we have made pecuniary sacrifices in support of the Government such as, we believe, no man in Canada has ever made before us, and this to an extent that has proved ruinous to our interest in the extreme; inasmuch as we have forfeited, through our zealous and honest support of the existing administration of Canada, a salary of four hundred a year. Of this Lord Durham was fully apprized, and the intentions formed by His Lordship in our favor, and frustrated by his sudden departure from the Colony, and subsequent death, were purposed to be carried into effect by his successor Lord Sydenham (so at least His Lordship personally assured, us not three weeks prior to his own untimely decease) and although we must confess our disappointment on perceiving, when the great "batch" of nominations to office made its appearance in January last, that our name, and services, and heavy pecuniary sacrifices had not been deemed worthy of that consideration which we had hoped they would have been found to merit, but that we were still left to reap the bitter fruit of an adhesion to the Government which has benefited any others than ourselves—an adhesion which has been, again and again, acknowledged by Lord Durham in the most flattering terms—still we conceive that is no reason why we should be unjust; or pronounce the Executive (who, as we incline to think, are not ignorant of our services to the administration, and Lord Durhams anxious desire to reward them) guilty of an undue partiality, because they have given to Mr. Derbshire, to Mr. Dowling, or to any other Englishman, situations of high emolument, which they are competent to fill, and to which their services had entitled them. Although we may entertain disappointment that we should not have been admitted to a participation in the "feast of places," that, we re-

peat, is no reason why we should feel regret Mr. Derbshire has been more fortunate. As we have taken occasion to remark in a former number, while alluding to this very subject, Mr. Derbshire had rendered important services to the British Government, while employed in a confidential manner in Europe, and it could matter little whether that Government exercised its discretion and will, by rewarding a meritorious servant with office at home, or in one of her Colonies. But Mr. Derbshire is not without strong claim for public services rendered in Canada. He was also employed confidentially by Lord Durham, in a mission to the disputed territory of Maine, at a moment when that section of the country was rife with the elements of collision between Great Britain and the United States, and the tact displayed by him on, that occasion met with Lord Durham's warmest approval. Mr. Derbshire's claims were, after the noble Earl's death, referred to Lord Sydenham, and having been found, by that discerning Statesman, to possess the necessary weight, were rewarded accordingly. Let it moreover be recollected by those whose interests have been in some degree affected by the appointment of Mr. Derbshire to the situation he now holds, that the selection was not his own. It was Lord Sydenham's express desire that he should fill the office to which he was gazetted. Mr. Derbshire, had made no application for it, therefore he cannot be said to have sought to supplant those who were already in possession. He merely obtained a new appointment, created by a new system of Government, and in form, rather than in substance, resembling that of his predecessors. But even admitting the contrary to be the case. Was it expected that an important and lucrative situation (not by the way so lucrative as those who object to the appointment would make it appear) bestowed upon him by Lord Sydenham, should be rejected because its acceptance might create dissatisfaction in the minds of others? Absurdity. Such disinterestedness and self-sacrifice are as unreasonable as they are unusual. Yet let us not be misunderstood. True it is we have the pleasure of being a personal friend of Mr. Derbshire, but in what we have remarked we contend for a principle, the justice of which all impartial and clairvoyant men must at once admit. One thing is very certain. The shafts which continue to be levelled against Mr. Derbshire, must each day recoil more blunted from him they are designed to wound.

— We have to request that those gentleman, non-subscribers to the paper, to whom we send the first number of the account of the War of 1812 (and this without the remotest desire to intrude it upon any person whomsoever) will let us know at the earliest possible period, whether they desire it should, or should not, be continued. It is moreover hoped that all parties returning it will do so, without writing on the paper itself, but on an envelope, stating at the same time by whom declined. All applications should be made through the several Postmasters in the Province.