

oment, will
consequen-
the direction
ives no ver-
blic matters
re faithfully
evidences of
h sources of
on, without

will be pro-
are allowed
d misunder-
ce, and the
e of judging
eir doctrines,
have produc-
f against his
r approving
tters related
ndemnation,
of a faithful
ood or evil,
cts to be ad-
d avoided in
who are to
urse accord-
terest, how-
to be facts,
adicted, for
the history

of Lower Canada, will be observed by the reader.—
First—from the establishment of the constitution, in 1791 to 1810, twenty years, during which it worked well and seemed to promise a long and prosperous futurity. But clouds at the close of this period began to gather—party spirit had set to work, and appealing to national prejudices, began to disturb the harmony between the two races, which, till then, had prevailed. *Secondly*—from 1810, when the assembly spontaneously made the offer to defray all the necessary expenses of the civil government of the province, (which hitherto were only in part defrayed by it, the difference coming from the military chest,) to 1818, when, pursuant to this offer, that house was formally called upon to redeem its pledge and to make, in a constitutional manner, the necessary provision, accordingly.—This space includes the short period of the american war, the best and brightest in the annals of Lower Canada, and indeed, of the people of both Canadas, and of either origin, each and all in their respective sections having acquitted themselves of their duty, with a loyalty, patriotism, and bravery, of which no country or people ever furnished, a nobler example in defence of their homes and their altars. *Thirdly*—from 1818 to 1828, during the so called “financial difficulties;” a period of intrigue, agitation by partisan leaders, and misunderstanding between the house of assembly and the executive relative to the civil list, and other things, resulting in an appeal to the government at home, and parliament of the United Kingdom, by the famous petition of, as pretended, 87,000 lower canadians, complaining of grievances in 1827, and which gave rise to the report