

stance many will have to travel; the time and frequency of their absence from their homes; the scarcity of money in the back townships; together with the fact that provision is made to pay the nominees of the Executive,—is unjust in principle and has a tendency to secure the return of those who will be subservient to the Warden and the Government.

6th. That the "local self-government" adapted to this country, and desired by the people is, to give every township, county, or riding a corporate character, in order that, the inhabitants may, with as much simplicity as possible, manage their municipal affairs in their own localities—without being required to go from the shores of Lake Huron to Ontario, for such purposes, at great expense and inconvenience, and to act under a system of executive espionage and restrictions.

7th. That the Governor may at any time call an extraordinary meeting of the Council, *whose deliberations, at all times restricted, must then be confined to the special matters of business, which he, through his Warden, may bring before them.*

8th. That the power of taxation, under this act, while it extends to every man's farm, cleared and uncleared, and all property hitherto assessed by law, *does not extend to Clergy Reserves, Glebe Lands, or the Lands of the Canada Company*, a description of property, which above all others, has retarded the settlement of the country, and greatly increased the labours and sufferings of the poor settlers.

9th. That the Parliament which passed this law had its majority formed of members returned by violence. Its numbers were also increased by those who became recreant to their avowed principles, and the open antagonists of the most faithful and tried friends of the people. And that such indeed was the triumph of Executive power in the House, that the motion of one of Mr. Baldwin's colleagues to give the obnoxious act a fair trial *for four years only!* met with the firm resistance of those who before had not only been rabid enemies of Lord Sydenham's policy, but of the measure itself, but who then were prepared to adopt *the language of the Government organ in the House*, who told the members he *must* have "THE BILL—THE WHOLE BILL—AND NOTHING BUT THE BILL!"

There are now 17 Districts in Canada West embracing upon a rough estimate the following number of Townships, viz:

Eastern 12, Ottawa 12, Bathurst 22, Johnstown 18, Midland 14, Victoria 17, Prince Edwards 5, New Castle 14, Home 46, Gore 25, Niagara 20, Talbot 7, Brock 10, London 20, Western 29, Huron 21, Colborne 19, in all about 311 Townships. It is probable the number of Councillors will be about 700. The Home District alone will send about 90. There will be 17 Wardens, 17 Treasurers, 17 Clerks, 17 Surveyors, and 34 Auditors, in all 102 officers besides their Supernumeraries and being almost all under the patronage of the Executive, form a clear increase to its power and influence. The jurisdiction of the Councils extends to the managing of roads, bridges, public buildings, and other District property,—to the providing of means to pay Judges (and officers)

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