

not only, by the vulgar, looked upon as an honour, but, by the most sensible and reflecting, it is justly considered as a political advantage which may be productive of very serious results.

The following memorandum, which Mr. M'Kenzie published in Upper Canada, together with the notes which have been just quoted, sufficiently show the mischievous application that may be made of these improper interviews.

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Memorandum.—On Wednesday, the 7th of November, 1832, I had the honour of a very long interview with the Secretary of State; and on the day following the despatch was written, which is an answer, in part, to my representations.

(Signed) W. L. M'KENZIE.

The despatch from the Colonial Minister to His Excellency Sir John Colborne, to which Mr. M'Kenzie here alludes, is one of the most extraordinary public documents ever published in Upper Canada. It begins as follows:

(COPY.) *Downing-street, Nov. 8, 1832.*

SIR,

During several months past, I have been in occasional communication with Mr. William M'Kenzie upon the subject of the grievances said to exist in Upper Canada, and for redress of which various petitions have been addressed