

tive Assemblies, for their sense of the work, as signified by their recommendation for the purchase, (and complied with by the Assembly), of a considerable number of copies, contributing, by so much always, towards reimbursing my esteemed friends in the outlay they have incurred. For myself, I desire nothing beyond the approval of a reading public.

I have previously announced my intention to publish in a separate volume a collection of interesting papers, hitherto unpublished, relating to public matters in Lower Canada. Not knowing how long it may be before those papers will appear, I have thought it advisable to insert a few of them at the end of this volume. The report of the Chief Justice Sewell to the Governor in Chief, Sir James H. Craig, on "the situation of Canada," and the latter's despatch on the same subject to the Colonial Minister, Lord Liverpool, will be found interesting, as giving the opinions and views of those high functionaries on the state of the country and people, with the administration of whose government and laws they were at the time (1810) intrusted—views certainly any thing but flattering to the governed, had they but known them. The reader is recommended to begin by the perusal of these documents,—rather an anomalous advice I must admit,—"*to begin at the end,*" but as they precede *in date*, the matters contained in the volume, there is nothing out of the