

they will affect to see no favorable cause of distinction between that sect of Presbyterians and any other sect of Christians equally tolerated.

"Nine-tenths of the people would thus become dissatisfied and murmuring, none of whom would deem it a privation to be excluded from the benefit of the Reserves, so long as they are enjoyed exclusively by the Church of England, for which they were set apart; but all would deem it a grievance to be postponed by any other sect of Christians.

"The feeling would grow and spread until it became a source of angry jealousy, and by degrees a charge and reproach to the Government, from the Methodists, the Baptists, and the Independants, and a long list of tolerated sectaries.

"Forty years' residence among this people have taught me to apprehend more danger from this source of discord than any other, and to deprecate any tendency to religious altercation.

"So impressed, and misled by an omission in the printed Statute (31 Geo. III. c. 31.) of that provision, established the reserved land in lieu of Tithes, I was induced, when I had some influence in the Province, to move, and principally to effect, a legislative enactment, to supply that supposed omission, and thereby, if Mr. Wilmot Horton's bill passes into a law, shall have become a prominent instrument of an act of injustice to the National Church, and possibly the remote cause of future religious discord in the land of my children.

"To obviate, as much as in me lies, such a result, I have thus imparted to you, Sir, as head of the department from whence it is supposed to proceed, my idea of possible inconvenience from this measure, in hope that you, Sir, may countenance a short pause for inquiry into all its bearings; and when, after his return to Upper Canada, at the age of seventy-seven, finding the supposed unjust application of the Clergy Reserves encouraged, and partly sanctioned, he stood alone in praying a repeal of the Law he had formerly introduced—to declare Tithes not payable, receivable, or demandable in the Province of Upper Canada. He stood alone; no one would second him;—but if this notice survives him, he will be admitted to have foretold truly the misery entailed by fraud.

"The Refugee has given place in this narrative of his progress up and down the hill of life, to divers reminiscences which may be thought not to belong to the subject; but as his object was to redeem his memory from the odium attempted to be imposed on it by the several published calumnies affixed to it, he