

the higher, and more engaging exercises of the mind. If the latter supposition should never be realised, the fault will not attach to them. Nor can any part of the blame fall upon the Government. You alone must be chargeable. You alone are, at once, able to discern the extent of the evil, and to bring about the application of the remedy. The country inhabitants, are themselves able to remove the evil ; but they are not sufficiently sensible of its existence, and, therefore, will not be at the trouble to attempt its removal. The British Government is sensible of the evil ; but cannot, without deviating from its accustomed liberality and moderation, enforce the remedy. You alone, are, at once, perfectly acquainted with the disadvantages under which the Canadians labour ; and able, by your influence and advice, to do much towards accomplishing the necessary reform.

PERMIT me, Gentlemen, to say farther, that if this desirable event should never take place ; neither shall I bear any part of the blame. With respect to this matter, I have discharged my duty. It will remain upon record, that I have been the advocate of the Canadian People.

With sentiments of the highest respect,

I am, GENTLEMEN,

Your devoted friend,

And most obedient servant,

DANIEL WILKIE.

QUEBEC, 22d }
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