

Grey (the then Prime Minister,) the Duke of Wellington, Lord John Russell, and Mr. Disraeli, have strenuously advocated the repeal of this law—and have submitted Bills to Parliament to carry out their views upon the subject—but hitherto the Legislature has persisted in retaining the ancient restriction, although the necessity for its continuance has long since passed away (*a*). Among the valuable suggestions for the improvement of the English political system, in connexion with any further instalment of parliamentary reform, which have been urged by Lord Grey, in the new edition of his *Essay on Parliamentary Government*, is one for the abolition of this antiquated practice.

The ideas embodied in the foregoing remarks are commended to the consideration of the statesmen to whom the task of framing Constitutions for the future government of the British North American provinces may be entrusted. It will be seen that the point to which the writer has mainly directed his attention is that of strengthening the Executive Authority, and affording due facility to the Government for the exercise of a legitimate control over the Legislative Chambers. An Executive that does not possess sufficient independence to shape its

(*a*) See *Ibid.*, pp. 120-125. *May Const. Hist.* v. 1, p. 308. *Hans. Deb.* v. 147, p. 905.