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ON THE PRESUMED NECESSITY OF CONCILIATION.

In my introductory communication, I endeavoured to shew that just views of Canadian affairs were much wanted at home; and I now proceed to clear away the rubbish industriously piled up by the boastful patriots in the way of an equitable adjustment of the conflicting claims of Canadian parties.

The patriots, conscious of the weakness of their cause, have attempted to make threats do the work of arguments, and to intimidate the British Government into most unjust and most mischievous concessions. I am not now bound to prove that the demands of the patriots are unjust or mischievous. My sole object in this communication is to shew the folly and emptiness of the menaces of rebellion.

Lower Canada contains about 400,000 French Canadians and about 150,000 inhabitants of British origin. The Germans and Dutchmen are not so numerous as to be distinguished from the two other races in my summary classification. Mr. Papineau's "people" comprehends a vast majority of Canadians and a very miserable minority of men of British origin. Such, I admit, are the component parts of Mr. Papineau's "people;" but I do