

violability of that Constitution which they themselves had fundamentally altered only two years ago.

But, my Lords, let me not be misunderstood ; I think those changes were of the greatest importance to the welfare of the country, and events have proved that the change effected by the Catholic Relief Bill has been essentially beneficial. It has admitted within our walls noblemen who have long been deprived of their rights—it has opened the doors of the other House of Parliament to as loyal, as honest, and as respectable men as are to be found in the country—and it has erased that foul blot of religious and political intolerance which had so long disgraced our Constitution.

My Lords, I believe that I have, now, to the best of my ability, gone through all the arguments of the Noble Lord opposite. I do not offer any opposition to the motion. On the contrary, I assure the Noble Lord that it is the wish of His Majesty's Ministers to produce every information that can facilitate the most strict examination into all the various points which bear on the question, convinced, as we are, that the more the subject is probed, the more the measure will be found entitled to the approbation of the country. I must declare, on the part of His Majesty's Government, that, so far from being influenced by a wish to change the Institutions of the Country, we are