

whom *I consider* exclusively qualified to become '*competent heads of departments.*' What would be the predicament of a Lieutenant Governor shackled as you wish him to be, and rendered responsible to *two authorities frequently in opposition to each other?*

Preposterous as are your avowed *ends*, they are not more so than your suggested *means*. The most vital alteration in our constitution, you say, consistently enough with '*liberal*' principles, "might be effected by a single despatch, containing the necessary instructions to the Colonial Governor!" Are our liberties and our most revered institutions thus dependent upon the will or caprice of a Colonial Secretary of State? Sir F. Head has furnished an illustrious example that no high-minded honourable man will submit to such humiliating instructions. But you add, if contrary to your opinion, "any legal enactment were requisite, it would *only be one that would render it necessary that the official acts of the Governor should be countersigned by some public functionary!!*" I defy all the *colons* who constitute the Melbourne ministry to surpass this absurdity! He must indeed be a genuine, reckless radical who would, without any *honest* consideration, consent to *endorse* even the wisest acts of a Lieutenant Governor, and thus render himself liable to be "*terrified by the prospect of impeachment.*" But the great and insurmountable objection to your projected responsibility of the Executive Council is, that it is *absolutely incompatible with our dependence on the British empire*. You perceive this difficulty, and let us see how it is met by your wisdom and foresight. After admitting that "the system which you proposed would, *in fact*, place the internal government of the colony in the hands of the Colonists themselves," you say, "I am well aware that *many persons*, both "in the Colonies and at home, view the system which I recom-