

The path then for the Representatives of Lower Canada is clear and patent, provided they harbour no machinations, hostile to the existing government. Let the permanent fund remain, without any further attempts to seize it, in the hands where the act of the Parliament has deposited it; and let them grant such further aid to His Majesty, during his reign, as in their honest judgment may provide for the necessary charges of their civil establishment; and, after having done what the constitution requires of them, they may hold up their heads boldly and make a firm, manly and determined stand. Should they adopt this course, I am satisfied they will be met half way, by the Executive, in the true spirit of conciliation; and the wounds will be closed which have so long been festering.—At all events the other Provinces will see where the blame lies, and will be inclined to throw the weight of their advice and assistance into that scale which leans to the side of justice. If this offer be made and rejected the democratic party will even acquire a greater accession of strength, for the friends of the Government would be staggered, and something like proof produced that there existed with the Executive a love of usurpation over popular rights and a culpable desire to stretch the prerogatives of the Crown beyond their just and natural limits.

That these nine letters may be conducive to the restoration of peace and mutual harmony is the sincere prayer of

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