

hands, graciously consulting the wishes of your faithful people as expressed by their Representatives, in the choice of responsible advisers to manage under Your Majesty, the affairs of the Government, and we have been accustomed to regard it as an essential and invaluable feature of the glorious Constitution of our Mother Country. The same principle we wish to see applied in the practice of our Colonial Government; until that is done, we cannot expect that the Administration will give satisfaction to Your Majesty's subjects, or that there will be any real and permanent harmony between the Government and the Representatives of the people. It is true that we might withhold the annual grant for the support of the Government as a mark of our dissatisfaction with this state of things, and as a means of procuring redress, but being anxious to evince our forbearance and desire to avoid, as long as possible, contention and difficulty, as well as to shew our confidence in Your Majesty's paternal regard for your faithful people in this Province and gracious attention to their Constitutional rights; and being reluctant to resort to a measure, which we are aware must greatly embarrass the Government, until all other Constitutional means of seeking redress have been tried and proved unavailing—We have preferred thus to appeal to Your Majesty for Your Majesty's gracious and effectual interference in our behalf, and have notwithstanding our just dissatisfaction with the existing state of things, and notwithstanding the pecuniary distress which prevails in the Province, granted for the present year the necessary supplies for the support of the Government in the confident hope that