

to the interests of the province, and the stability of our dependence upon England, and which every truly loyal and patriotic inhabitant of Canada must deplore and condemn. Praise be to Heaven, however, this will probably be the last speech lord Dalhousie will have at in his power to make to a Canadian parliament; for, to the great joy and relief of nineteen twentieths of the population of the country, he is gone home; never, it is to be hoped, to return, at least as a governor; for which, no doubt, ministers, by this time, suspect him to be as unfit, as the Canadians are convinced he is.

As to the fulsome, false, and farcical address that was manufactured by the honourable John Richardson, *cum suis*, at Montreal, on the occasion of lord Dalhousie's departure, it will have no more weight at home, than the ten thousand signatures, of well recollected celebrity, of the union faction, had, when set in the balance against the otherwise universal voice of the country, and of both houses of the legislature. If his lordship, in his reply to that address, he seems to do, relies upon it as an exculpatory testimony in his favour, with the ministers who have recalled him, he relies upon a broken reed. That he is actually ordered home, to account for his administration, there can be no doubt, and the common blind of private affairs requiring him to visit England, is too palpable a subterfuge, to be considered otherwise than as a form of speech usual on such occasions, in which there is about as much truth as in a man's subscribing himself your most obedient humble servant. The epithets I have bestowed upon the address are well merited. It is *fulsome*, in its language, and in ascribing to his lordship every merit that a governor can have; but it is *false* almost throughout. It is *false* in asserting that "greater improvements in agriculture have been made; and a spirit of industry and enterprise excited in the colony," during his lordship's administration, than previously. The germs of these existed before, and were sown during that of his illustrious and lamented predecessor, his grace of Richmond; and it is their natural developement, (encouraged more by the high reputation lord Dalhousie brought with him from Nova Scotia, as a patron, lover, and promoter of agriculture, than by his active and/or peculiar fostering care,) that has caused the improvements generally supposed to have taken place in Lower Canada. However willing I am to give due credit to our ex-governor, (I hope I am justified in calling him so,) for his good intentions, to promote the best interests of his majesty's subjects, it is utterly false that his general conduct has tended to conciliate their affections. As a gentleman and a soldier, he may claim every merit, save that of conciliating affection, by affability and condescension.