

*No. 5.—Characteristics of an able Governor and Minister, as laid down by Mr. Ryerson in the Christian Guardian, January 8, 1840. Originally selected from "An Estimate of the Manners and Principles of the Times."*

1. He will not only have honest intentions of mind, but wisdom to plan and courage to execute.

2. He will regard the interest of the prince and people, as inseparably and invariably united.

3. He will endeavour to destroy party distinctions ; and to unite all men, in support of the common and national welfare.

4. In consequence of this he will be hated by the corrupt part of the kingdom, high and low ; because *their* expectations and advantage can only arise from those distinctions and that influence which he labours to abolish.

5. The honest and unprejudiced part of the nation will adore him for the contrary reason.

6. He will be remarkable, rather for his knowledge in the great principles of wisdom and virtue, than the oblique ways and mysteries of selfish cunning.

7. He may be displaced once, or more than once, by the power of faction ; but the united voice of an uncorrupt people will restore him to the favour of the Sovereign, especially in the time of danger. And the oftener he is cast down by corrupt power, the deeper root will he take in the affections of the Prince and people, and rise and flourish with renewed vigour.

8. He will be distinguished by his regard to religion, honour, and his country.

9. If his measures are not always clear to the people in their *means*, they will always be so in their *ends*.

10. As a natural and happy consequence of this conduct, should he happen either to *err* in *design*, or fail in execution, an uncorrupt people will still *confide* in him. They will continue to repose in his general wisdom and integrity ; will regard him as a kind of watchful father ; yet, though *wise*, not *infallible*.

11. He will look *forward*, rather than to what is *past* ; and be more zealous to select and reward those who may do well, than to prosecute those whom, in his own opinion, he may think delinquents.