

faction of mind, he asked, could the members for this province enter the assembly of the Lower one, obtrude themselves into their councils, and occupy their seats against their wishes — He hoped upon the whole, the House would not approve of so disastrous a measure. For his own part, he sought no change; he only wished that the government and constitution might be permitted to remain as they were, untouched and unaltered — This was the path of peace, and he trusted it would not be departed from. He then moved a set of resolutions in conformity with the views he entertained of the subject.

The singular, unexpected, and, in my opinion, highly improper, result of the deliberations of the parliament of Upper Canada, on the subject of the union, is known to the public — By it they declare themselves not called upon to pronounce their opinion upon a question which was recommended to their attention by His Majesty's representative, because the country has expressed the general sentiments that prevail respecting it by petitions and memorials. They appear to have forgotten that as well as legislators, they are also of counsel for their constituents, the advocates to plead at the bar for them on any questions that may arise between them and the Imperial government, or any foreign body; and that the people are entitled to their advice, and opinion, as well as their votes. L. L. M.

POST-OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

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Resuming the consideration of the remedial suggestions with which I concluded my last essay on this subject; the first proposition, namely, for the provincial legislature to repeal, by their own authority, such parts of the post-office acts as are incompatible with the state of this country, although I am fully convinced it is within the competency of the provincial legislature, considering both the letter and the spirit of the constitutional act, I look upon as an unadvisable measure, under present circumstances. The discreet exercise of any power, and occasionally to refrain from asserting that power which may be not well relished by others with whom it may interfere, is as much a part of sound policy, as the firm maintenance of any right, when it is called in question. The House of Assembly of this province, are now playing a game for the deepest stake, the very existence of English liberty in this country, which hitherto they have conducted in the firmest, and most dignified, as well as in the most conciliating manner; and to repeal or alter a British act of parliament, *although it would be radically remedial of the grievance complained of*, might seem an assumption, shewing a disposition to withstand the supreme superintending authority of the Imperial parliament over the colonies,