

Their declaration to stand by the act of the Home Government was a blunder, as already shewn; their resignation was blunder number *two*--not to characterise it as something more reprehensible. Mr. Brown was immediately sent for by the Governor General, and the sequel appears in the written correspondence between them, which it becomes necessary in some degree to analyze, in order to extract some light from out the darkness which envelopes it. Usually when the Queen's Representative is beached by his Ministry throwing up the reins, it is held to be a distinct avowal on their part that they are no longer in a condition to administer the affairs of the Province. He is then compelled to have recourse to others to advise him in the conduct of the Government, thus suddenly brought to a stand. He summons them to his assistance in extricating himself from the dilemma in which he finds himself. He entreats them to come to *his* rescue, as the burden lies heavily on his shoulders until he shall have accomplished this important task, when his personal responsibility ceases. It is a conjuncture eminently of mutual confidence. The high office which the Governor General occupies, and the importance of the services to be rendered to the country by him and the co-laborers chosen by himself, ought naturally to beget mutual respect and reliance, and a strong determination to fraternize, with a view to a cordial co-operation in the great work which they have undertaken, of advancing the prosperity and promoting the welfare of two millions of the Queen's subjects in this Province, constituting, as respects constitutional rights, the most important dependency of the crown. In any controversy or "misapprehension," which may arise in the course of a negotiation of this character, the Governor General has the advantage of his exalted station in shielding him from any suspicion of unfair play, in the absence of any violent presumptions to the contrary. The position is always a delicate and a difficult one, and it was rendered infinitely more complicated in the recent instance by the anomaly of a Ministry resigning immediately after receiving an unmistakable mark of confidence from the popular Branch. From this singular feature the *bonâ fides* of the resignation has been