

## REVIEW.

which they do not approve. The mere fact of printing is taken as a mark of approbation, and we shall find accordingly that this Report will be taken as the deliberate opinion of the House of Assembly of Upper Canada.

It has, we understand, been asserted in the House by one of the members of the committee, that the words "unanimously adopted" and the date "Commons House of Assembly" instead of "Committee Room" were inserted *by mistake*. How *two errors* of this description could be inserted by mistake in different parts of the document; and how Mr. Hagerman who we understand *corrected the proofs*, could avoid seeing them it is not for us to determine. We give it as our opinion, and we shall be supported in it by all who understand the character of the members of the Family Compact, that there was *no mistake* about the matter. Copies of the Report are already on the way to the leading journals of England, and it will be received as the unanimous opinion of the House of Assembly of Upper Canada.

The Report of the Select Committee is divided into two parts. The first is taken up with an account of the various incursions made into the Province from the United States, for which the Home Government is almost ordered to demand satisfaction from the American government; in other words Mr. Hagerman and his friends want to involve the two countries in war. The second part of the report is that in which the people of this Province are more particularly interested, and to that alone shall our attention be at present directed. It is in fact, a review of Lord Durham's Report.

It commences by informing us of the disappointment felt by the loyal population of the Province, i. e. the Compact, at the appointment of Lord Durham, and their further apprehensions when they heard the names of his Chief Secretary and other attaches. Finding however that there was *no remedy*, the compact determined to receive his Lordship with confidence, in the hope that he would fall into their hands, as his vain or weak predecessors had invariably done. We deem it unnecessary to notice the censure bestowed upon various acts of Lord Durham's administration, particularly his ordinances disposing of the political prisoners, because the *author of the Report*, and the leading members of his party expressed *their strongest confidence* in Lord Durham *after* all these acts had been committed, and we are therefore bound to believe that their present disapprobation is the result of disappointment at finding that his Lordship has escaped their snares and given a faithful account of the state of the Province.

Mr. Hagerman thinks that the statements of Lord Durham should be received with caution because his Lordship never resided in this Province, and paid only a twenty four hours visit to Toronto. Mr. Hagerman has perhaps forgotten that one of Lord Durham's first acts was to invite communications from all parties in the Canadas. The effect of this wise and statesman-like course was, that his Lordship received (as his Report