

The nomination of Lord Elgin to the post of Plenipotentiary near the Court of Peking has been unreservedly approved by the London *Times*, and it was impossible to choose for that distant and delicate mission, after the events of which it is difficult to foresee the consequences, a man of a more sound judgment, of a more elevated and conciliatory spirit—in a word, a man more able to provide for all the emergencies of this most complicated situation. Some years ago, Lord Elgin had the distinction of pacifying Canada, pushed to revolt by several successive years of mal-administration, and already inclining towards its neighbor, the United States. He accomplished—says the London *Times*—with so much skill and success the delicate task which was regarded even as impossible, to convert the rebellious Canadians into English royalists, that his popularity extended beyond the frontiers of the colony, and that in the neighboring States ovations were voted to him. Later, he successfully negotiated between British America and the United States a commercial treaty based on the principle of reciprocity.—“But w!etefore shall we insist upon his merits,”