

the whole subject against what they have termed my "deviation from candour and truth."

Sir F. B. Head to
Lord Glenelg.

But it is perhaps well they should have done so, as it will explain to the House of Commons, as well as to your Lordship, what sort of people the revolutionists of Upper Canada are, and will prove the absolute necessity of not ordering the Lieutenant-Governor to be governed by his Executive Council, which might be composed of such men. In this event, what would become of the property of the Crown? what would become of the rights of the people?

I have now submitted to your Lordship facts which are incontrovertible, and have replied to the accusations which have been made against me by the House of Assembly by merely contrasting them with their own declarations.

I must now proceed alone upon my own testimony, to which I trust your Lordship will give that weight which is due to the station I hold.

I have stated to your Lordship that the instructions you gave me to correct the grievances of this country have had the effect of breaking to pieces the republican party. The loyal feeling which is now rising up to support me in all directions is greater than I dare describe; as a single proof of which, I will inform you that a scene took place on my proroguing the Provincial Legislature which is unprecedented in the history of this country.

Although Toronto is, and always has been, the head-quarters of the reformers, and though this capital will suffer more than any other part of the Province, by the stoppage of the supplies, yet never before was the Parliament House so crowded, inside and out, as when I went there to deliver my speech.

As soon as it was ended, contrary to all custom, a burst of acclamation resounded; cheers were several times repeated, and a crowd of most respectable people of all parties actually endeavoured to take the horses from my carriage, to draw me to Government House.

On the speech being read again by the Speaker in the House of Assembly, the gallery and floor were equally crowded, and as soon as Mr. Speaker Bidwell had concluded, three cheers were given in the house, although never before had such a demonstration of public feeling been evinced.

I am perfectly confident that the whole country is disposed to rise up to support me, and I can assure your Lordship that I foresee no difficulty whatever in crushing the republican party, and in establishing loyalty, except a general fear which prevails throughout the country, that the Home Government will be afraid to support me.

I tell your Lordship the truth, for it is proper you should know that the reception which was given in England to Mr. Mackenzie has had the effect of cowering the loyalists, and of giving a false courage to the republicans.

One word of firmness from the British Government will now settle the question for ever; but if you hesitate to support me; if in your Lordship's reply to this despatch you encourage, by a single word, the republicans, they will instantly be reanimated, and will again utter their old cry against "the weak, trembling Government of Great Britain."

That they have mistaken British generosity for fear, no one is more persuaded than myself; but I earnestly entreat your Lordship to put confidence in me, for I pledge my character to the result. I solemnly declare to your Lordship that I have no difficulties to contend with here that I have not already overcome; the game is won; the battle is gained as far as relates to this country; and I cannot give your Lordship a more practical proof of it than by saying, I want no assistance, excepting the negative advantage of not being undermined at home.

I am not myself in the least afraid of your Lordship shrinking from supporting me: but if you knew the feeling of this country, you would pardon my telling you that the loyalists, being incapable of understanding the generous,