

any law, or for the amendment of that law which has lately received the royal assent.

If ever there was an event on which the public might demand an opinion, it had a right to yours on the settlement of Canada. From your rank and experience in the state, your importance in your country, and, above all, as the achievement was yours, the manner of maintaining it should have been yours also. You was the minister, the uncontrolled and uncontrollable minister, when Canada was conquered. When you returned to power a second time, you proposed no legislative act for its regulation and government; must I then say to you my Lord, "*Vincere scis, victoriâ uti nescis.*"—If your abilities are confessed, who can excuse your neglect? Or if, in this business, either inaccuracy of head, inattention of mind, incorrectness of judgment, or insufficiency