

be a member of our Administration. Charge us with the packet postage as you do the United States, and all will work well. Why, my Lord, seek to maintain Imperial controul over this department? No good reason can be given for doing so.

I am well aware that all the Post Office subordinates in London will rise in arms against any proposal to give up the controul of their Canadian branch. But my Lord, have not the same parties opposed every measure of Post Office reform in England? I must confess that when I consider the immense influence of the Post Office department I scarcely venture to entertain any hopes of a speedy settlement of that question. The Post Office authorities however will most assuredly have to yield at last. I have now my Lord completed the task which I imposed on myself, and although my letter may be thought tedious, I do not think that your Lordship will find in it any unreasonable demands on your own time or on that of your Colleagues. Had I not great confidence both in the wisdom and justice of your Lordship I should scarcely have made the present appeal. Your Lordship may believe me when I assure you that you would hear much more from Canada at this time were it not that the people generally have long since lost all confidence in English party politicians. This is perhaps an ungracious expression, but your Lordship may rely on its being a true one. For my own part I regret the existence of such distrust, and I still more regret that there has been so much cause for it in times past.

While appealing to your Lordship for justice, I would remind my Canadian fellow subjects of your Lordship's valuable services in the cause of Colonial Reform, and which form the best guarantee that we can have that you will concede all our reasonable demands. It will, I feel assured, be a proud satisfaction for your Lordship to reflect hereafter that you were the first British statesman to give practical effect to the recommendations of your deeply lamented relative, the late Earl of Durham. Most assuredly your Lordship's predecessors have either not comprehended the Earl of Durham's report or have not thought proper to adopt it. I cannot my Lord conclude this letter in a more appropriate manner than by quoting the concluding words of that imperishable document.

"For these reasons I pray your Majesty's earnest attention to this report. It is the last act arising out of the loyal and conscientious discharge of the high duties imposed upon me by the Commission with which your Majesty was graciously pleased to entrust me. I humbly hope that your Majesty will receive it favourably, and believe that it has been dictated by the most devoted feeling of loyalty and attachment to your Majesty's person and throne, by the strongest sense of public duty, and by an earnest desire to perpetuate and strengthen the connection between this Empire and the North American Colonies which would then form one of the brightest ornaments in your Majesty's Imperial Crown."

I have the honour to be, my Lord,

Your Lordship's

Most obedient servant,

A CANADIAN.