

SIR,

Herewith I address to you the first part of my observations which I communicated to the Ministers, relative to Mr. Stuart's Memorial, which serves as a sequel to the "Preliminary Observations" of which I sent you a Copy by the Packet of the 16th instant. I have already stated to you that it has been absolutely impossible to send you further information in detail upon this subject as well as upon many others. The necessity of devoting myself almost exclusively to the labour which these observations required, in every intervening moment left me by the attention I had to bestow upon other matters committed to my charge by the Assembly, has likewise put it out of my power to give you an accurate and daily account of all my proceedings and measures. I have already had the honor of stating to you that I trusted the Assembly would ultimately see that I had not failed to do all that depended upon me, to promote the interests confided to my care, and that they have not been neglected.

The Assembly will also see that the Petition to the House of Lords, relative to Grievances, had been presented by the Marquis of Laxdown.

Several circumstances, the detail of which in this place would be useless, had, one after another, delayed the presenting of the Petition of the Assembly to the House of Commons. At last it was presented by Mr. Labouchère on the 14th instant, the day on which Mr. Hume likewise presented one from Upper Canada. The former gentleman made a long and eloquent Speech on this occasion, in which he successively passed in review the various objects of complaint by the Assembly of Lower Canada; acknowledged at the same time what the present Administration, and that which immediately preceded it, had done towards redressing them; and persuaded Ministers to yield to the desires of a People who deserved well of the Mother Country, and whose requests were founded upon justice. The Assembly will share with me in the regret I felt when I learnt that the Shorthand-writers, through whom generally the public receive an account of the Parliamentary debates, had not been able to give the speeches of the Members who spoke when that Petition was presented. It is true, it is a matter of extreme difficulty to report on such occasions when matters are discussed to which persons here are often strangers, and upon facts and circumstances, the nature, objects, and bearings of which must necessarily escape the attention of those who have no positive or local acquaintance with them.

What I must at least say is, that the sentiments expressed by those who successively submitted to the House of Commons their observations upon the several subjects to which Mr. Labouchère had called the attention of the House, and especially those which Lord Howick expressed, were of such a nature as to inspire confidence in the inhabitants of the Province, I will not say, alone in general in the Members of the House, but in those of the Administration, whose speeches equally breathed the sentiments of benevolence, and those of strict justice towards us. Having been present at that discussion, I should think I was myself wanting to justice, and to a duty imperiously called for by gratitude, if I did not impart to the Assembly the deep impression which the whole has made upon my mind, and which must have been felt by any inhabitant