

solicitations. A full understanding of the subject will not leave it doubtful, that if, in the present instance, the claims of the Lower Canada Assembly are conceded, that body at least (I say nothing of the people) will be in a more enviable situation than those bodies which compose the Imperial Legislature. I cannot, therefore, see the least reason to doubt the truth of the axiom laid down by Lord John Russell, and quoted as the motto for this pamphlet. I believe that there were originally faults of a serious kind in the administration of the Canadian Government,—that those faults gave to the representatives of the people the right to complain, and imposed complaint as a duty upon them,—but that in the discharge of that duty they have become somewhat enamoured of their task, and have imagined grievances where there are none, and have demanded as justice to themselves that which they have no right to demand on their own account, and that which, if conceded, would be gross injustice to others. The Government of this country has under such circumstances done its duty, and being willing frankly to grant what may be properly asked, has firmly decided to refuse what never should have been required. In this course (well explained in the resolutions moved by Lord John Russell) it will be for the interest and honour of Great Britain, for the benefit of Upper Canada, and, as I hope I have proved, for the advantage of Lower Canada itself, that the Government should be supported by men of all parties, both in and out of Parliament.