

REVIEW.

The favourable manner in which Lord Durham's masterly Report has been received in all parts of British America by the great majority of the people, and the manifest disinclination evinced by the organs of the Oligarchical Compact to enter on any discussion of the principles of government, the application of which to these Colonies, his Lordship has so strongly recommended, have hitherto rendered it unnecessary for the supporters of those principles to do more than give expression to the general admiration felt by the community. We feel warranted in asserting that no document has ever been promulgated in British America that has given such general satisfaction as this Report. Copious extracts have been published by nearly all the journals in the Canadas. Thousands of copies have been distributed in pamphlet form, and the demand instead of abating, is greater than ever.

Although public opinion has been thus clearly manifested in its favour, the baneful Compact, whose misdeeds have been so fully, so ably, and so eloquently exposed, have not yielded to the force of truth. They feel that if Lord Durham's views should be carried out by the Home Government, there will be an end to their influence and power, and they have accordingly spared no exertions to damage the political character of His Lordship and shake public confidence in his statements.

A select committee of the House of Assembly was appointed "on the State of the Province" at an early period of the late Session, on the motion of some of the Compact party, consisting with one exception, of members who have voted in the minority on all the leading questions which have come before Parliament. The chairman of this committee was Mr. Hagerman, Attorney General, and one of the principal joints of the Family Compact, and it is generally understood that the Report, which has been presented and of which 2000 copies were ordered to be printed, was drawn out by him, and although signed by all the members of the committee, we feel warranted in asserting that some of those gentlemen are dissatisfied with considerable portions of it.

In the first page of this Report, we find in large capitals, "UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED," while the date at the conclusion is "Commons House of Assembly" instead of "Committee Room," a piece of chicanery which if perpetrated by a Reformer would have been the theme, and justly so, of all the Tory papers of the Province. We entertain not the slightest doubt that 9 out of every 10 who read this document, particularly in England, will suppose that it was adopted by the House, instead of by a *Select Committee* nominated by the Compact. The House of Assembly has not profited by the lesson, taught them in the case of the Grievance Report, that it is dangerous to order a large number of copies of a document to be printed of