

of Reform, but I am not an Agitator; and, by command of our gracious Sovereign, I will maintain the constitutional liberties of his subjects in this Province, and at the same time encourage, to the utmost of my power, internal wealth, agriculture, commerce, peace and tranquillity.

With respect to my late Council, I regret, quite as much as you can do, their resignation; but, before they took the oath of secrecy, (which appears to my judgment to be an oath of non-responsibility to the people,) I addressed to them a note which clearly forewarned them, as follows:—"I shall rely on your giving me your unbiassed opinion on all subjects respecting which I may feel it advisable to require it."

Three weeks after they had joined the Council, they altogether, in a body, disputed this arrangement; and accordingly we parted on a matter of dry-law.

No one can deny that my view of the sub-

ject agrees with the practice of Colonel Simcoe, and of all the succeeding Governors of this Province down to the day of Sir John Colborne's departure; but that is no proof whatever that the practice has been right,—and, if you would prefer to form your own opinion of the law, read the Constitutional Act.

With respect to my new Council, whose high moral character I cannot but respect, I shall consult them as unreservedly as I had promised to consult those who have just resigned; and, if any competent tribunal shall pronounce that they are responsible for my conduct, no one will be a greater gainer than myself by the decision.

In the meanwhile I shall deal openly and mildly with all parties; and I trust that I can give you no better proof of my own intention to be governed by reason than the explanation I have just offered to yourselves, the citizens and industrious classes who attended the Toronto meeting.

## ADDRESS OF THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY ON THE NEW APPOINTMENTS TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

To His Excellency SIR FRANCIS BOND HEAD,  
K. C. H. &c. &c. &c.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY:

We, His Majesty's dutiful and loyal subjects, the Commons of Upper Canada in Provincial Parliament assembled, humbly beg leave to inform Your Excellency, that we have with deep regret learned that Your Excellency has been induced to cause the late Executive Council to tender their resignations to seats in the Council under circumstances which still enabled Your Excellency to declare that your estimation of their talents and integrity, as well as your personal regard for them, remained unchanged; and that under the present excited state of public feeling in this Colony, occasioned by the recent proceedings between Your Excellency and the late Executive Council, and the appointment of a new Council (as appears by the Gazette Extraordinary of Monday 14th March instant,) composed of Robert B. Sullivan, John Elmsley, Augustus Baldwin, and William Allan, Esqrs., this House feel it to be a duty they owe alike to His Most Gracious Majesty and to the people of this Colony, whose representatives they are, to avail themselves of the first opportunity to declare at once to Your Excellency the entire want of confidence of this House in

the last mentioned appointments, and deep regret that Your Excellency consented to accept the tender of resignation of the late Council, and humbly request Your Excellency to take immediate steps to remove the present Council from such their situation.

(Signed)

MARSHALL S BIDWELL,

SPEAKER

Commons' House of Assembly, }  
March 26th, 1836. }

### HIS EXCELLENCY'S REPLY.

GENTLEMEN,—In reply to your Address, assure you that I very sincerely regret that the House of Assembly should entertain want of confidence in the Council I appointe on the 14th instant, as I faithfully declare, that under the circumstances in which I was placed, I made every exertion to select gentlemen that I thought would be most acceptable to the House and to the people.

I can assure the House, that no one laboured more than I did the resignation the late Council, three of the members which, namely, Messrs. Dunn, Baldwin, and Rolph, I had myself especially selected.

With respect to the request, "that I should take immediate steps to remove the present