

Importance as that of separating for ever the Interests and Connections of the People of that Country, who from local Situation were certainly designed by Nature to remain united as One, that the Interest, the Feelings, and Desires of the People of Lower Canada ought to be consulted and attended to, as well as the wild Project of a small body of People, who are thinly scattered over the upper Parts of the Province, who have not had Time to enquire into and examine their relative Situation, and the natural dependance which their Country must have on the lower parts of the Province.

Sir, in the Petitions now on the Table from my Constituents, Inhabitants of the Province of Quebec, this Honourable House will observe they have complained, that the Province has been already greatly mutilated; and that its Resources would be greatly reduced by the operation of the Treaty of Peace of 1783. But, Sir, they could not have the most distant idea of this new division. They could not conceive that while they complained of the extent of their country being already so much reduced, as materially to prejudice their Interests and Concerns, it would be still farther reduced and abridged. If at the time they penned their Petitions they could have supposed or foreseen this proposed Division, it would have furnished them with much stronger reasons of Complaint, that their Interests would thereby be Injured. Sir, I am sure this Honourable House will agree, that a Province ought not to be divided into separate and independent Governments, but on the most urgent occasions, and after having seriously and carefully weighed all the consequences which such a separation is likely to produce: For if from experience the Division shall be found dangerous to the security of Government, or to the General Interests of the People, it cannot again be re-united. That strong principle of Nationality or National Prejudice, which at present connects the People of that Province to one another, as being Members of one State, who though scattered over an immense country, yet all look up to one

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