

Province. The dissensions unfortunately prevailing there have caused, in the minds of most reflecting men among us, both regret and anxiety; and the expression of that feeling is natural and just, when we have reason to believe that our interests have sustained a prejudice, in many respects, from the peculiar position of public affairs in the Sister Province. Under ordinary circumstances, your Committee would have avoided the expression of any opinion on the affairs of Lower Canada, and they now disclaim all wish to pronounce upon their concerns, further than to the extent of a discussion of matters affecting the interests of this Province, and naturally springing from a consideration of the Resolutions transmitted to this House.

nor do they desire to discuss the concerns of the Sister Province, further than as they tend to affect the interests of Upper Canada.

Such a discussion naturally springs from a consideration of the Resolutions transmitted.

The brief review taken by your Committee of the history of the Province of Quebec, and its separation into Upper and Lower Canada, and of the amelioration of its political condition by successive acts of grace and favour, has led them to the conclusion, that every disposition has been indicated by the Home Government to provide for the peace and welfare of all classes of His Majesty's subjects, inhabiting the Canadas, and to afford them the protection of liberal institutions, and of laws subject to their own revision. That in the practical operation of these institutions some difficulties might arise, was naturally to be expected, nor should it be matter of surprise that there may have gradually crept in some abuses which require amendment and reform. To all just complaints, your Committee feel assured, a ready attention would be given; and the careful investigation, by the House of Commons, of the affairs of the Canadas in 1828, together with the ample information afforded by Government at that time, proves, to the satisfaction of your Committee, that every readiness has been shewn by His Majesty and the Imperial Parliament, to remove every such abuse, and to give to the people here every redress that circumstances might require. With this belief

Committee arrive at the conclusion, that every disposition has been shewn by the Home Government to provide for the peace and welfare of the Canadas.

The investigation by the House of Commons, in 1828, and the information afforded by Government at that time, proves the correctness of this opinion.