

ments at present should be of a 'political' nature, involving changes with the change of public opinion, and that the vast number of smaller appointments should be of an official kind, 'during good behaviour'; thus the danger of dislocation in administration will be lessened—a danger not to be minimized in a small community which has just gained 'responsible government'. Outlines a scheme for the 'political' appointments, and also lays it down that 'permanent officials' must not be members of either house of the legislature. 'Political' appointments will carry with them seats in the executive council. With these considerations in mind, 'that system of parliamentary government which has long prevailed in the mother country' can be immediately adopted.

- CXLV. Elgin to Earl Grey, July 13, 1847 500
 Outlines his conception of the position of the governor under the newly introduced system of responsible cabinet government: frank and unreserved constitutional support to his ministers, but never concealing from them that nothing will prevent him from working cordially with their opponents, if forced upon him.
- CXLVI. Elgin to Lady Elgin, 1847 501
 Lord Durham's vindication will be the fair working out of his system of government in Canada.
- CXLVII. Elgin to Earl Grey, April 30, 1849 501
 A detailed account of the riots at Montreal and the public excitement following on Elgin's signing the rebellion losses' bill. Elgin defends his action as entirely constitutional and exposes the shallowness of the claims made by a 'British' minority to be the sole loyalists in the province.
- CXLVIII. The Annexation Manifesto, 1849 505
 Annexation to the United States is the only cure for the political and economic evils.
- CXLIX. Elgin to Earl Grey, March 23, 1850 509
 Criticizes Russell's speech of February 8, 1850, in which he anticipated colonial independence. Pleads for a nobler conception of the colonies. 'You must allow them to believe that, without severing the bonds which unite them to Great Britain, they may attain the degree of perfection and of social and political development to which organized communities of freemen have a right to aspire.' Russell's opinion will only add support to the annexationists; will grieve the loyal and well affected such as Baldwin, and will hurt the province financially and economically.
- CL. Elgin to Earl Grey, November 1, 1850 511
 Contrasts American and British forms of government.
- CLI. Elgin to Earl Grey, December 17, 1850 512
 An expansion of the ideas which run through No. CL. A defence of limited monarchy against republicanism.
- CLII. Elgin to Cumming Bruce, September, 1852 514
 Responsible cabinet government can flourish in the dominions. 'This faith I have imparted.' The dependencies cannot be governed 'on the antiquated bureaucratic principle, by means of rescripts from Downing street'. 'I have always said to my advisers, "While you continue my advisers, you shall enjoy my unreserved confidence, and *en revanche* you shall be responsible for all acts of government."'
- CLIII. Elgin to the Duke of Newcastle, February 18, 1853 514
 The prerogative of the crown should be employed as a means of attaching the outlying parts of the empire to the throne. Imperial honours should emanate directly from the crown, not on the recom-