
Lower Canada Affairs in 1836

In the voluminous Appendices¹ which accompany this Minute will be found such information as it has seemed necessary to bring together, in order to throw a clear light upon the questions connected with British North America awaiting the decision of His Majesty's Government.

In the following pages an acquaintance with the contents of those Appendices is presupposed; and on the supposition an attempt will be made first to state, and then as briefly as may be, to consider, the various questions in which this protracted controversy has at length issued. That statement will however be prefaced by a few general remarks, some of which may indeed be thought too obvious to require a formal announcement. They may perhaps however tend to supersede or to abridge discussions which in the sequel might otherwise be unavoidable.

The ultimate objects of the Policy of the British Government in relation to the North American Provinces, are few and simple. Every end which

1. The appendices were missing from the minute.