

INTRODUCTION.

THIS little Pamphlet is introduced to the notice of the Public, not as a mere *catch-penny*, but with the intention of laying before the friends of Constitutional Reform—the supporters of the Institutions of Great Britain in this Province, the sentiments of two persons of some notoriety, on a subject of vital importance to the future happiness and prosperity of this Province. Until the publication of Mr. Hume's Letter in the *Advocate*, that part of the people commonly called Reformers, regarded Mr. Mackenzie as a persecuted and attached subject of England—seeking with untiring zeal and indefatigable industry to procure the redress of what they conceived to be existing grievances; and to have recharged him with any intention of attempting to undermine the institutions of his adopted country, with a view of planting a Republic on their ruins, would have subjected the accuser to the execration and the scorn of every Liberal or Reformer in the Province. Mr. Mackenzie has, however set this matter at rest; and as it is highly important that his friends and supporters should no longer remain in ignorance as to the objects of his pursuit, the compiler of the following pages, has deemed it proper to lay Mr. Hume's Letter before the public, with the comments made upon it by the Press of Upper Canada. That Press, which now issues about thirty weekly papers, has been almost unanimous in its condemnation and reprobation of the views and feelings of Mr. Hume; and when it is borne in mind that several of the leading Reform papers have most severely animadverted upon the conduct of that gentleman and of Mr. Mackenzie, it will not be doubted that the only interpretation which can be given to the letter of the former, is that given to it by the correspondent of the *Courier*, O. P. G., and that the only view which can be taken of the feelings and ulterior views of the latter is that taken by the sam-