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representative institutions; and if it has to carry on the Government in unison with a representative body, it must carry it on by means of those in whom that representative body has confidence.

"In England this principle has been so long considered an indispensable and essential part of our constitution that it has really hardly ever been found necessary to enquire into the means by which its observance is enforced."

Elsewhere in the Report, Durham wrote: "I admit that the system which I propose would in fact place the internal government of the colonies in the hands of the colonists themselves.....I know not in what respect it can be desirable that we should interfere in their internal legislation in matters which do not affect their relations with the Mother Country." We need not now stop to enquire into Durham's philosophy of a relationship which admitted of an exact division. Lord Elgin - in some respects the most understanding

of all the Representatives who have served the Crown in Canada - found that a hard and fast dividing line was not necessary to the useful conduct of Government. Even so, of all the then-new nations of "Radical Jack", history has

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