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retarded by the abominable traffic which has been established and sustained between an artful and corrupt Government, and organized bodies of Religious Teachers,—indeed, all our political difficulties may be traced to this cause. The Executive has bribed and bought the Priests, and the Priests have managed and sold the people. This cannot be denied by any honest mind conversant with our Provincial history, but it is, and has been denied by those who are rightfully charged with the crime of thus selling their people—their country and its liberties, for a stipulated reward. We give one fact in proof of this; and, as the grand-iloquent Mr. Maffitt said of a Sermon of Mr. Wesley's,—“*it should be engraven upon a tablet of brass, and hung upon the horns of the Moon!*”—to be seen and reflected upon every month in the year by the people of this Colony, particularly the Methodist body; whose good sense, and virtue, have certainly been estimated at a very low figure by the crafty Despots who could be guilty of such a foul libel upon their character. Shortly before the last General Election, at a meeting of Official Members of that Church in Toronto—one of the Preachers remarked, with reference to the political course to be taken on that occasion,—by the Leaders of Conference—their tools—and slaves—

**“Before the Election comes on, we will throw out our Feeler!
and the party that will take us up!! or will give us the most,
shall have our Support!!!**

A more barefaced and iniquitous declaration never, we suppose, escaped the lips of a man making any claim to moral character or the feeling of religious obligation; yet, although the fact was published and reprobated by the intelligent and virtuous among the members through the Press, and could not be denied; and although the foul treachery had been consummated to a demonstration by the hiring of Egerton Ryerson to oppose the return of the friends of the Baldwin Administration—and the people had appealed to their slave-holders in Conference for redress of such grievances—they were answered by the almost unanimous induction into an important office of the very author of “THE FEELER!!!” We say, without fear of successful contradiction, that the Methodist people are under as thorough a spiritual despotism as can be found in the world, and that the liberty of representation in Conference, which they have been seeking after, will never be obtained under the present dynasty of men. Like the Catholics of Germany, they must not appeal to the central despotism—they must, would they be free,—*scripturally, religiously, and politically* free—shake themselves loose from Conferential bondage, and form themselves anew into INDEPENDENT METHODIST CHURCHES. Thus will the evils to which we have referred be corrected—thus will liberty, intelligence, and righteousness prevail throughout the land to an extent now unknown. THE NEW TESTAMENT teaches *no other form of church government* than that of the *entire INDEPENDENCE OF EACH CONGREGATION* to choose and remove its own officers, and fully to manage its own affairs. And until Christians sincerely and simply follow Christ and his Apostles with respect to such and all other religious things, they must expect to be exposed to humiliation—to difficulty and loss:—they will assuredly be made, as they have been, the prey of weak, artful or wicked men.