

General summary of reforms demanded.

House and the people of this province have for a great number of years used every effort to obtain, and which have frequently been detailed to your Majesty, is to extend the elective principle to the Legislative Council, a branch of the provincial legislature, which by its opposition to the people, and by reason of its imperfect and vicious constitution, has proved insufficient to perform the functions for which it was originally created;—to render the executive council directly responsible to the representatives of the people, conformably to the principles and practice of the British Constitution as established in the United Kingdom;—to place under the wholesome and constitutional control of this House the whole public revenue raised in this province, from whatever source derived;—to obtain the repeal of certain acts passed by the parliament of the United Kingdom, in which the people of this province are not represented, with regard to the internal affairs of this province, making its territory and best resources the subject of unfair speculation and monopoly, and which we hold to be a violation of the rights of the legislature and of the people of this province;—to ensure equal rights and impartial justice to all classes of the inhabitants of this province;—to abolish sinecures and the accumulation of incompatible offices;—to redress the numerous abuses which prevail in the various departments of the public service;—to obtain for the provincial legislature, with regard to the internal affairs of the province, and more especially over the management and settlement of the waste lands thereof, for the benefit of all classes of your Majesty's subjects, without distinction, that essential control, which would be the direct consequence of the principles of the constitution;—when, we say, we respectfully repeat to your Majesty these our demands, and declare our firm intention to persevere in asking them, as being alone calculated to ensure the liberty, peace, and welfare of this province, and the confidence of the people in the government, and to cement their political union with the United Empire, we can scarcely fear that we should not be understood by your Majesty. We shall, however, add to our humble declarations, some new facts which must tend yet more to convince your Majesty of the justice of what we ask, and of the correctness of the view we take of the common interest of the mother country, and of this colony.

Expectations raised by the conduct and speech of the governor.

We are bound in the first place to thank your Majesty for having recalled the head of the executive government, and for having appointed as his successor a distinguished personage, who, independently of his qualifications as an individual, of which we have no motive for doubting, was, from his previous habits and position, more likely to comprehend our wishes and our wants. At the opening of the present session of the pro-