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*Ut in orbe tereti nomina eorum inscriberet
Ne primus esset, ne velimus quisquam.*

AUSONIUS.

In a round robin if you write each name,
No rank can one rogue have another claim.

In looking over my last number, I perceive that I have not expressed myself with sufficient clearness, in page 70, in speaking of the division of British North America, into moderately extended provinces. I meant that not only each such province ought to have its distinct legislative assembly, but likewise its distinct council and executive, (the latter, in all cases, to be appointed by the crown;) with that addition, I think that there are but few deep thinkers, or disinterested men, that is, men who interest themselves more for the whole, than for a part, who will not allow that such a general system, representative in its details, federal in its union, and monarchical in its ultimate subordination to the imperial crown of Britain, would be unobjectionable, if practicable. If this were once conceded, the next object would be to remove the obstacles and difficulties that may present themselves to its being put into execution, for obstacles and difficulties, unless proved to be insurmountable, are not decisive objections to any plan; and although this is certainly a speculative disquisition, I have the strongest impression of its importance, and indeed of the necessity that will one day arise for its discussion. I beg, therefore, to solicit the opinions and remarks on the subject that may arise amongst those who are desirous of contributing to the extension of political science in these provinces.

I find also, that a note, intended to have been appended to that part of the essay, (page 72) in which I enquired whether these colonies were far enough advanced towards maturity, to become independent, was omitted, for want of room. In further illustration of the subject, I insert it here.

This is, I am most thoroughly convinced, the natural progression that will arise, either by policy or violence, in the relations between Great Britain and all her dependencies. The anticipation of events of this nature, by gratuitous concession,