

would be then characterised as an abandonment of National and Parental duty, as inconsistent with honour and interest, as unprecedented in principle, as dangerous in operation, as fraught throughout with disgrace and disaster. It would not fail to be anew recollected, although it has been forgotten for a time, that it was this policy—originating in vain fears, partially developed in the act of 1774, and recommended for extension by the committee, which, violating the faith solemnly pledged as well as due without any pledge towards its subjects universally, was one of the chief causes of the perpetual separation of a vast portion of the empire—the cause that finally fixed and determined the declaration of independence, which all the previous grounds of discontent would otherwise have been insufficient to produce. The flame, which was then first lighted on this subject, and whose embers are now glowing, would be kindled anew, never to be extinguished until the Canadas were lost. Those, who from the continued perseverance of government in an Anti-British system have now the means of exciting universal feeling on the subject, may be yet for a time withheld by their attachment to Great Britain, in the lingering hope, that she may at length be just to herself. But their forbearance cannot endure, if the evil be much farther prolonged, and if the results, which they have reason to dread, continue, under the support or the acquiescence of government, to be urged onwards towards their final accomplishment.

We have now completed our voluntary task of re-