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# MEDIATOR \& APP 

" Let Reformers of Upper Canada, with a unanimity that shall make them irresistible, rally to the hustings, resolved that this fair portion of the western hemisphere, under the Lion of England, slatl be flourishing, glorious and free."
-To the Free \&. Independent Electors of the 3rd Riding of York: Markham, April, 24th, 1840.

## Gentiemen:

Having read, this day, the above words of -your Parliamentary Representative, I ellquired what good he had hitherto done; and was told "not the smallest." 1 then eogitated how the consummation so devoutly to be wished for might: be attained, and became assured it had not a chante from any manifestation in the address of Mr. Sinall. May 1 therefore present myself to yoar kind consideration.

Mr. Small binus himself to the Right Hon. noble Earl of Durham, and to the Right Honorable C. P. Thompson. 1 pin myself to no man's coat tail,-neither peer nor pedlar.
Lord Durham's report was not written by Lord Durham, and apparently was aot understood by his Lordship. I, myself extolled it in the strongest language, as a report. It was good as an entering wedge for enquiry, and nothing more. The scheme for uniting the Canadas is narrow, dark, doubtful and dangerous : the views of responsiblity dim, and deccifful.

Before Lord Durham's report appeared, I wrote out and exhibited a sclieme dividing British North Anerica (Victoria) inte two governments-Canada and Cabotia ; having a Grand Admiral \&c.. at Qucbec ; and subdividing Canada in to six Provinces-Erie, Ontario, St. L.awrence, \&c. with Loudon, Toronto, Kingston or Purth \&c. as centres ; and Bytown (Ottawa) for the federal city.

Forty thousand squatters on the territory of the United States are allowed to legislate for themselves; and, should four hundred thousand British subjects in Upper Canada be less liberally treated? The people of Mississippi, Missouri and Michigan have lately framed excellent constitutions; and may not we of this Province, with more experience, and better opportunities, frame one infinitely superior to all?

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to the performance of such service? In short, is it not notorious that, wretched as :re the doings of Governors and their elect, the doings of the people's Representatives in Assembly are still more wretched? Talk of responsibility indeed!talk of being "flourishing, glorious, and free " while this matter is unattended to!! Is it not wholly hopeless?

As the First book of Euclin cannot be printed in Toronto, because of the Diagrams, I have writter to a Typefounler in New York for an estimate of a stereotype edition: and think it may be afforded at one shilling per copy. To read and understand this is the first and most essential move toward reform: and I shall dare to say that, if this is generally read and understood, the intellect of the Province will be in a fair way of amends : nay, it will be brightened up beyond all conception in a few months: so much so, it is hoped, that no practising lawyer will be returned as a member of Assembly.

I therefore now earnestly solicit subscriptions towards procuring this most necuful manual; and shall send out papers for subseription; which, as soou as filled up, will be sufficent iudication that I am not spending time and money in vain. Be it clearly understood, that I have no little interest to serve in this bnsiness-a committee appointed at Markham, which, on that elassical ground, is called the senatus academicus, will manage and be responsible for every thing,-I myself, not touching a farthing, neither first nor last. At first, we require nothing but names; and when moncy is called for, it will pass through the Receiver (ieneral into the hands of the Treasurer ; both of whom have been regularly elected.

The idea of introlucing part of Euelids Elements into every School-sufficient to ehucidate the process of right reasoning, was first conceived by me meny years ago, but never till now spoken of: and I repeat, most earnestly, my wish that it may be realized.

Young men naturally enough feel dissatisfied with my proposal to exclude from voting all under thirty years of age; but, I meant not to exclude those already enjoying the right ; and, in the same way, I wonld not exclude from the Upper House (henceforth to be elected by the people, legislative councillors who have been appointed for life. Hitherto they have been a drag; and, it wonld be well they should remain so, that the new machine of governinent, at going off, may not run too fast down hill.

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Let neither Priest nor Lawyer have place in the Legislature : perhaps Doctors and Butchers shouid be excluded : certainly, any man so callous, passionate, and daring, as to put prisoners to death.

Let voters for the Lower and Upper House of Assembly be classed as they stand low or high on the Assessment roll :thus determining the limits of a natural Democracy and Aristocracy; and let not those who vote for one House, vote for the other.

Let one half of each House be elected annually; and mem. bers be installed two years. Let Assemblymen, in joint ballot, elect so many Iixecutive Councillors each year, to continue in office a definite period; and, let Lxecutive Councillors elect their President.

And, may it please Her Most Gracious Majesty to empower the Ladies of Legislators to elect, annually, a Vice Queen, viva voce: while their danghters, in like manner, elect half a dozen maids of honor. Let Ifer lixcellency the Vice Queen. and Maids of honor, cross the Atlantic every summer on a visit to the Queen, escorted by as many gentlemen elected by the Ladies from among members of Assembly: whom, it may please Her Majesty, to create Knights of Erie, Ontario, Si. Lawrence, \&c. Thus, would love be the only bond of Union between Britain and her Colonies:--thus, might a refined and amiable chivalry be nurtured, and grow up in the Western world.

Gentlemen!-I crossed the Atlantic, from England, twenty three years ago;-introdnced myself to the Resident Landowners of Upper Canada, as a Beitish Farmer; and, in six months, my name was in the mouth of every one from end to end of the Province. Had my plans, then broached, been executed, Upper Canada would now have counted three millions of imhabitants ; but, in lread of me, an Act of Parliament was passed subversive of liberty; and, then, I was thrust into
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'To close this subject, let me say that Cabotia (including Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, Prince Edwards Island, \&c., and so called in honor of John Cabot, the discoverer of North America) should send home a Vice Queen, and four maids of honor; while the Indian nations, in Canada and Cabotia, send home a Vice Queen, and two maids of honor.

In a Petition which I had presented to the IIouse of Commons, 1822, and which may be seen printed in the Journals, there was a proposal that each Province should send home two members to speak, but not to vote, in the Imperial Parliament. This duty could be performed by the Gentlemen elected by the Ladies to escort thom ; and a most important end might be served without a shilling's cost to the public.

Burke spoke of "the cheap defenoe of nations". By my scheme, the whole empire might be most surely united, and most cheaply upheld.

I will here pause, to give time for further reflection; and have only now to express my thanks for the very great kinduess experienced, perambulating the delightful section of the country you inhabit. Indeed my health re. quires that exercise, which. under God, I trust, may promote the adrancement of truth and goodness.

Yours very sincercly, ROBERT F. GOURLAY.


