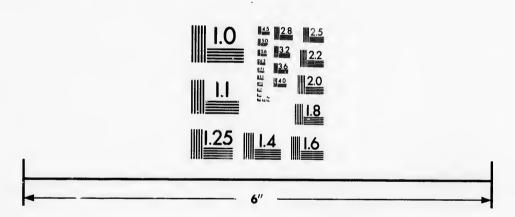


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"Let Reformers of Upper Canada, with a unanimity that shall make them irresistible, rally to the hustings, resolved that this fair portion of the western hemisphere, under the Lion of England, shall be flourishing, glorious and free."

To the Free & Independent Electors of the 3rd Riding of York: Markham, April, 24th, 1840.

#### CENTLEMEN:

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

Mr. Small binds himself to the Right Høn. noble Earl of Durham, and to the Right Honorable C. P. Thompson. I 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 not 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 responsibility dim, and deceitful.

Before Lord Durham's report appeared, I wrote out and exhibited a scheme dividing British North America (Victoria) into two governments—Canada and Cabotia; having a Grand Admiral &c.. at Quebec; and subdividing Canada in to six Provinces—Erie, Ontario, St. Lawrence, &c. with London, Toronto, Kingston or Perth &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?

Gentlemen! in my humble opinion, a provincial government should, under Her Majesty, be wholly elective, but highly conservative. Suppose it to consist of a lower and upper House of Assembly, an Executive Council with a President; and a Vice Queen with Maids of Honor. I would say,—let no one vote for Assembly-men till 30 years of age; and none be elected under 40.—"At 30, man suspects himself a fool; knows it at 40. and reforms his plan."

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to the performance of such service? In short, is it not notorious that, wretched as are 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 Euclid cannot be printed in Toronto, because of the Diagrams, I have written to a Typefounder 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 needful manual; and shall send out papers for subscription; which, as soon as filled up, will be sufficent indication that I am not spending time and money in vain. Be it clearly understood, that I have no little interest to serve in this business—a committee appointed at Markham, which, on that classical 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 money is called for, it will pass through the Receiver General into the hands of the Treasurer; both of whom have been regularly elected.

The idea of introducing part of Euclid's Elements into every School—sufficient to elucidate the process of right reasoning, was first conceived by me many 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 would 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 would be well they should remain so, that the new machine of government, at going off, may not run tee fast down hill.

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Let neither Priest nor Lawyer have place in the Legislature: perhaps Doctors and Butchers should 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 members be installed two years. Let Assemblymen, in joint ballot, elect so many Executive Councillors each year, to continue in Vice Queen, with her Maids of Honor, w. office a definite period; and, let Executive Councillors elect | the Province in ruinous expense. 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 daughters, in like manner, elect half a dozen maids of honor. Let Her Excellency 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, St. 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; -introduced myself to the Resident Landowners of Upper Canada, as a British 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 inhabitants; but, in dread of me, an Act of Parliament | before they went to work?—why person was passed subversive of liberty; and, then, I was thrust into | vice should not first be made to show some

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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 House 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 them; and a most important end might be served without a shilling's cost to the public.

Burke spoke of "the cheap defense 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 kindness experienced, perambulating the delightful section of the country you inhabit. Indeed my health requires that exercise, which under God, I trust, may promote

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