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The people of this province, after enduring half a century of misrule and oppression, were cheered with the prospect of a better state of things on the arrival of the late Lord Durham in this province, but that hope, alas! has been disappointed only to be replaced by the prospect of a still more gloomy future.

The appointment of the present Government had in a measure dispelled the gloom and inspired the people with hope, and the arrival of Lord Durham was hailed as the dawn of a new era.

Lord Durham and the present Government—the Reformers of the Home District got up a requisition signed by 200 persons, to the Hon. the Sheriff, to call a meeting of the community upon the subject of a counter requisition was presented to him, and he declined calling the meeting upon the ground that he had been appointed Sheriff in consequence of this refusal.

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The Imperial Parliament had refused to legislate upon the affairs of this colony, because they were not in possession of sufficient information.

The Ministry were desirous that the question should be delayed, that an opportunity might be given for the people to express an opinion upon the important question.

There was an opinion upon the other hand that it would call it by its proper name, a conspiracy that the voice of the people should be heard—that the right which was guaranteed to British subjects in ages gone should be withheld.

Meetings were, however, called in various parts of the Province, and an expression of public opinion was presented upon various questions upon the union of the Provinces—upon that State paper, I may call it, Lord Durham's Report.

There was a feeling of approbation in favor of these meetings. Men of high respectability attended them, and also signed the requisition calling upon the community.

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