# THE LOYALIST.

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## RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT AGAIN.

This question is still agitated, and though we think we have said nearly enough on the subject, we may nevertheless give it a passing *kick*.

The system which has been adopted in Canada and Nova Scotia, is founded on Lord John Russell's Circular, and that the advocates of the measure may have no hole to creep out of, we will here publish entire that part of the Circular which has any reference to the subject :—

"You will understand, and will cause it to be generally known, that hereafter the tenure of Colonial Officers held during Her Majesty's pleasure, will not be regarded as equivalent to a tenure during good behaviour, but that not only such officers will be called upon to retire from the public service as often as any sufficient motives of public policy may suggest the expediency of that measure, but that a change in the person of the Governor will be considered as a sufficient reason for any alterations which his Successor may deem it expedient to make in the list of public functionaries, subject of course, to the future confirmation of the Sovereign.

These remarks do not extend to Judicial Officers, nor are they meant to apply to places which are altogether Ministerial, and which do not devolve upon the holders of them, duties, in the right discharge of which, the character and policy of the Government are directly involved. They are intended to apply rather to the Heads of Departments than to persons serving as Clerks, or in similar capacities under them : neither do they extend to officers in the services of the Lord Commissioners of the Treasury. The functionaries who will be chiefly *though not exclusively* affected by them are the Colonial Secretary, the Treasurer or Receiver General, the Surveyor General, the Attorney and Solicitor General, the Sheriff or Provost Marshall, *and other officers, who under different designations from these, are entrusted with the same or similar duties.* To this list must also be added the Members of the Council, especially in those Colonies in which the Legislative and Executive Councils are distinct Bodies.

It will be seen by the above, that His Lordship intended the Executive Councils in the Colonies to be responsible to Provincial authorities become *wholly* responsible to a British Ministry; for though we have every confidence in the *present* Premier and his colleagues, we have not forgotten the miserable, *twaddling* policy of their predecessors, and know not how soon a change in the administration may again occur. But if, as its supporters allege, "responsible Government," means that the will of the majority in a Colony shall be supreme, we still object, for it is running into the other extreme!—it is pure republicanism; how do we know but that the majority of the inhabitants of this, or any other Colony may soon—very soon—from some zeal or pretended slight, conceive it to be for their interests to separate from the British Empire? then, according to this new theory, Great Britain would be compelled to acknowledge such Colony to be independant! The advocates of the measure may choose either horn of the dilemma, but we say again that the man who can thus calmly contemplate the dismemberment of the Empire, is at heart a traitor.

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THE CIRCUIT COURT.—The Court is still sitting, and altho' this is the third week since it commenced, the *ninth* civil cause only, is being tried. To-morrow is assigned for the trial of Sarah Nelson, a coloured woman, for the wilful murder of her infant child. The Court will rise on Saturday, and will then be adjourned to the 12th of April next. It is not probable that more than one other civil cause will be tried, being ten in all, out of a Docket of 121 Causes. It is clear that some change is needed, or this state of things will soon amount to a denial of justice.—*New Brunswicker.*

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HALIFAX, January 21. The obituary list records the decease of John Howe, Esq., Deputy Postmaster General, and Editor of the Royal Gazette. For several years, Mr. Howe has been the oldest member of the Editorial fraternity in this city, and he was deservedly honored with [illegible] important offices, whose duties he [illegible] with exemplary zeal and dil- [illegible] *Recorder.*

## ARRIVAL OF THE CALEDONIA.

The steamship *Caledonia*, Capt. Lott, arrived at Halifax on Monday morning, after a passage of 18 days from Liverpool. During the first 12 days she experienced constant head winds with a heavy sea. She has brought out 36, passengers. The Mail brought by her reached this City last evening; by which we have received Liverpool papers up to the 4th inst.—they contain but little news of importance.—The principal items of which will be found below.

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*From Charles Wilmer's American News Letter, 4th January.*

The events of the past month have been of a chequered, yet of an uninteresting character. The prospects of improvement in trade although not brilliant, are nevertheless cheering. In the manufacturing districts activity prevails, and it is confidently expected that the opening of the Chinese ports will, before long, afford the manufacturers full employment.

The country has been agitated in various districts by the Repealers of the Corn Law. The demonstration which they have effected is, in despite of the sneering indifference with which it has been treated, is more formidable than their antagonists are willing to allow. It is certain that a further alteration in the Corn Laws is projected. The only dispute now maintained is, not whether there will be a change at all, but what the nature if that change will be.

Parliament is summoned to meet on the second day of February, Sir Robert Peel, it is expected, will introduce a salutary and wholesale alteration of the restriction by which trade is fettered.—With characteristic caution he has carefully abstained from divulging a hint of his purpose or his plans. The opening of the Session is most anxiously awaited.

Although business has greatly improved, yet generally there is a very great want of confidence arising from the continued failures connected with the Corn Trade among whom we must notice Messrs. Fermandez & Son, Swallow & Son, and Dunn & Son; all of Wakefield and for very heavy amounts, while the break down of the Yorkshire Agricultural Bank, which having expended all its capital, now come on the share-holders for a deficit of £100,000, is not at all calculated to improve commercial affairs, but on the whole, the prospects for the new year are encouraging.

The Great Western Steamer, it is said has been purchased by Mehemet Ali, who intends to convert her into a S[illegible]

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Madrid Journals of the 12th ult., say that Messrs. Baring & Co. have advanced to the Spanish Minister of Finance, 40 millions of reals, on the security of the Quicksilver Mines, and that English Capitalists are expected to supply the other 600 millions.

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Incendiarism has of late been very prevalent in various parts of the country.—The firing of premises, stacks, and farms in many of the agricultural districts has been on the increase while few of the depredators have been discovered. In one instance, in Surrey, property to the amount of £2000 was destroying.

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Lord Loftus, son of the Marquis of Ely, was discharged recently from debts amounting to £15,254, independently of others of 19,000, which his father had already paid.

Lord Huntingtower, who contrived to incur liabilities to the extent of £200,000 before he was 21 years of age, has been remanded.

The accouchment of the Queen, who is again *encient*, will not take place, it is expected, before May.

Mr. Dunn, a great corn factor, at Wakefield, is amongst the sliding scale. he has failed in $1,500 000.

The King of Hanover will visit England after the marriage of the Crown Prince. He wishes to consult Sir Henry Halford, the physician, on the state of his health.

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Private mercantile letters received from Calcutta state, on good authority, that it is in contemplation of the Indian Government, to maintain the number of steamers lately employed in the Chinese war, although the war has terminated so as to form an additional means of communication between this country and Bombay or Calcutta.

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Sir Robert and Lady Sale are to have £500, with benefit of survivorship, for their services in India.

A new carbine has been invented, which throws a ball 600 yards, or a distance which it was formerly supposed a cannon could not reach.

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ANOTHER FIRE.—There was another destructive fire at Liverpool, on the 28th ultimo. The loss of property was estimated at £70,000 to £100,000.

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