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*Qui non defendit, non obsistit, si potest injuria, tam est in  
vito, quam si parentes, aut amicos, aut patriam deserat.*

CICERO.

He who defends not himself, and resists not injury and encroachment, incurs as much moral blame, as if he had forsaken his relatives, his friends and his country.

### MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF LOWER CANADA,

*At Montreal, the 7th instant.*

This meeting, which was held in pursuance of a notice in the Montreal papers, addressed to the PRINCIPAL LAND-HOLDERS AND OTHER NOTABLES OF THE DISTRICT, in order to concert the best means of preserving inviolate the constitution under which we have the happiness to live, took place on the Champ-de-Mars, on the day appointed, instead of at the Court-house as had been announced. It was very, numerously and most respectably attended. It consisted, as might be expected, chiefly of the upper and middle ranks of the French Canadians, and displayed, upon the whole, a noble specimen, of the temperate, the dignified, and the enlightened, character of those men who have now been aroused to defend their constitutional rights, as well as of the feelings of steadfast loyalty and affection for the monarch and the mother-country, which are always found blended, in the breasts of true British subjects, with the love of freedom, and the spirit of resistance against encroachment. Louis Guy, Esquire, opened the proceedings in a neat speech; and the object of the meeting was then explained at large, by Denis B. Viger, Esquire. He dwelt upon the misrepresentations which had been made to government at home, by a set of men, who, whatever their intentions might be, were certainly endeavouring to destroy the chartered and constitutional rights of this province, and who were as insignificant in number, as they were deficient in real knowledge of the state of the country, and of its interests. That it therefore behoved the Canadians, who were not like these strangers, but were natives of the country, and had its welfare at heart,—the country in which their permanent property lay—in which all their individual prosperity was centered,—to stand forward in its behalf. The loyal attachment of the Canadians to their king was well known; they

