

intelligence; we thought if our people had a fair start in the race, that being more lightly burdened, they would win it. If we were wrong, we were wrong in our estimate of the abilities of our people to compete with the Americans, and not in what was our conception of our duty towards them. [Loud cheers.] Once again, Sir, it has been said that our intention was to discriminate against our own Mother Country. A more flagrant violation of truth was never written. [Cheers.] Such an idea never entered the brain of any of the Delegates. We would never consent to treat our fellow subjects in Great Britain—with whom we are connected by the bonds of blood and of affection, worse than a foreign power. Whatever we were prepared to give to the United States, we were prepared to give to our mother country, aye, and more too. We were and are, and I hope shall be for centuries, willing to spend our last man and our last shilling for her. How can it be supposed that we would dream for a single instant of putting her productions on an inferior footing to those of the United States? I desire to give the most emphatic contradiction to any such statement as this. [Loud applause.] There are some points, Sir, in newspaper articles by which I have been assailed, respecting which I feel some degree of soreness, and I shall not hesitate to make you, gentlemen, my confidants to-night. My friend Mr. Howland and myself have been made the subjects of attack ever since we left Washington, day after day and week after week, in the columns of the leading journal of Upper Canada. Now I am well aware that the editor of the *Globe* and the Hon. George Brown are quite distinct individuals. [Laughter.] And I am quite sure that the Hon. George Brown, as a late member of the Government, is perfectly incapable of giving to the editor of the *Globe* any information which he promised to keep from the public until the meeting of Parliament. Were it otherwise, I should this very night make a great attack, a most violent attack, upon that honourable gentleman. [Renewed laughter.] But I think instead of assailing him, I may take the liberty of saying that the *Globe* has very greatly misrepresented my friend Mr. Howland and myself, and that not in the interest of the country, but in the spirit of a very narrow-minded malevolence. [Hear, hear.] If it be the case that the interests of the country were liable to injury by the public statement of the reasons of the differences that arose between Mr. Brown and his colleagues, why did he agree to wait until Parliament met before he told the public what these reasons were, when, if he shared the opinion of the *Globe*, he must have felt that the honor and interests of the country required their immediate disclosure? [Loud cheers.] It is singular that the editor of the *Globe* should be less patriotic than the proprietor of that paper. Nor does it seem fair for a man who has the use of a press and speaks every morning to 20 or 30,000 readers, to circulate his views, when a reply is out of the question. Mr. Brown will, no doubt, state his views when Parliament meets, and I intend to reply to him in the same way then. But to-night I cannot do so. I must be content now to attack the Editor of the *Globe*. [Hear, and laughter.] What has the course of that paper been—has it been in the interest of this country or not? When it has represented that our object was to give concessions to the Americans which we would not give to our own mother land, was not this certainly calculated