

agine any characters, which are utterly detested in the eyes of our Creator, it would be those which sneer at integrity and independence, and sacrificing earthly rights for sordid or paltry considerations, would be ready as of next importance to sacrifice eternal privileges. if coward fears did not deter them. Conscience, if not awfully hardened, will be a powerful advocate for uprightness in this as in all other matters. The constitution reposes a great trust in electors, a trust held for the public good, and to be exerted with all the independent deliberation, which we usually suppose to be attached to questions involving our honour and honesty. If this trust is betrayed for a *bribe* of any description, if ye sell your birthright for a golden inducement, or a mess of pottage, for a smile, or a grasp of the hand—if to please or to serve, yourselves or others, ye give your votes as toys and trifles, and not for a well defined and public end—the man who does so, is a traitor to his country, as much as he who gives up a citadel to the enemy—and if conscience has any fangs, it will whisper so in a retired hour to his degraded soul. An implied oath is also on the head of every voter, which binds him to give his support to the candidate whom he supposes best able and willing to serve his country—and the voter who acts on other impulses, has not the miserable plea of evasion and reservation to palliate his virtual perjury.

It is needless to multiply inducements to act uprightly, the mass of the people are too politically honest to need more than an allusion. If then your cheek puts on a warmer flush, when ye are appealed to as the descendants and the subjects of Britain—if the mention of names bright on the page of history, stir your spirit as the sound of a trumpet—if ye wish to honour your country and to leave an untarnished constitution to your children—if ye desire to live honourably in the memory of your descendants, and not be a loathing to them; act like freemen, christians, and true Nova Scotians at the present election. Act so, one and all—having a majority of good public servants will not excuse those who send the bad—let no place in the land be willing to have the finger of scorn pointed at it, as the place so ignorant,