

practised for self aggrandizement, reckless of the fate of posterity or the feelings of the virtuous and patriotic. That such men should be found, is indeed not so much a matter of surprise ; but that they should be countenanced and supported in one of the most daring outrages ever committed on the Liberty of the Press in this province, by men whose situations in life and connection with the government of the province should lead them to visit with the most marked indignation every violation of the laws of our country, must be to every man of probity and justice, a matter of surprise and regret."

"It is stated in a public paper as coming from good authority, that the amount of damages given by a special Jury for the destruction of the private property of an individual has been raised by private subscription among the ministerial party in the Town of York, and that so general were the contributions, that few even among the perpetrators of the outrage, were under the necessity of paying above ten dollars. If this be true, where will we look for justice and protection, when for a trifling sum from those individuals whose conduct may be opposed to the free exercise of personal rights, a subject of His Majesty may have his property destroyed in the face of day, himself thrown out of employment, and his family exposed to poverty and insult. If such things be countenanced by the opulent and powerful among us, what may we not expect from the free exercise of mob law by those moving in an inferior station, and who among us will be safe, if, following the example set in the capital of our province, our neighbours who are not under the influence of moral restraint should conduct themselves on a similar principle?"

Speaking of myself, the editor continues—"His conduct is to be judged of by those who feel aggrieved by his publications, whether true or false, whether expedient, or inexpedient, who in the plenitude of their personal powers, and in the confidence of their high standing and connections, bid defiance to all laws. To crown this, and fix a lasting stigma upon the province, what is next done? A sum is awarded by a Special Jury barely sufficient to cover personal losses, which, as we should construe the laws was meant to operate as a salutary lesson; but in lieu of this, the check designed to be put upon such conduct is destroyed, by the very persons most interested in enforcing it, and who should express the utmost abhorrence at every attempt to render nugatory its effects."

Is such a state of things to be tolerated in the Capital of a British Province, and under the eyes of His Majesty's Representative?"

END OF THE SECOND PART.

