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—*Humanam quæ vitam turbat ab imo.* LUCRETIUS.

Disturbing the wellbeing of society, even to the very bottom.

—*Xanthæ retro propera.* OVID.

— You may as well

Stop the St. Lawrence, and turn back the Ott'wa.

A *pretended*, or *real*, letter, dated at St. Eustache, 2d Nov. *supposed to have been written*, or *actually written*, by an anti-unionist, to his friend in Montreal, having appeared in a late public print, devoted to the Scotch faction, it may not be amiss to combat the enemy with their own weapons; for which purpose, I copy, from the York Observer of the 3d ultimo, a *pretended* or *real* letter, *supposed to have been written*, or *actually written*, by one of the leaders of the unionists, to a confidential friend in Upper Canada. I shall leave it to the public to judge, whether either, or both, are genuine; but with regard to that which appeared in the Montreal Gazette, I must, indeed, either laud the great impartiality of the *very learned* editor of that paper, or admire his Bœotian thickness of intellect, in, even ironically, publishing such home-truths, making against his party, as appear in the supposed report of a speech made at the place in question. The orator, it is said, "stated that our country was in eminent (*imminent*) danger from conspirators, who were combining to undermine our happy constitution (*true*)"; that these conspirators were emigrant upstarts from Scotland, (*very true*.) who, for a time, lived upon the sweat of our brows, making fortunes to carry off to their native mountains, (*true again*;) that England, through the artful misrepresentations of these ungrateful pedlars, (*colporteurs*) was actually passing a bill, (*this should be, had actually been upon the point of passing a bill,*) against the dearest interests of the Canadian people (*true*;) this bill affects their civil and religious liberty, (*true*.) since it tends to subvert our language, our laws, our institutions (*true*.) and to make our curates and their parishioners independent of their bishops, (*very true*, *the junto attempted to swindle the Catholic clergy out of their chiefst privileges, by false pretences that all were to re-*