

Give up the cherish'd liberty we have ?

Cling firmly to your constitution,

Defend it with your choicest blood ;

'Tis Heaven's best gift ; let no pollution

Approach it, under guise of good.

Tell this vile junto that has framed

The bill of slavery infernal,

That they have more our minds inflamed

With love of liberty eternal.

We'll spill each drop from out our veins,

Ere they shall gain their selfish ends,

And seize of government the reins,

'T' exalt themselves, and all their friends.

Base actors in this scheme, but yet more base,

To make it seem of ministers the plan ;

Of George's faithful commons, none have had the face

T' acknowledge it their own, no not a single man.*

' I was ne'er, be sure, the servants of the king ;

' I was ne'er, be sure, Old England's Commons,

Who've done this most unrighteous thing ;

Who've issued thus Oppression's summons.

To hide the mortal dart, whose poison'd barb

* I was much surprised to see that the Governor has been advised, or instructed, to say, in his opening speech, that the Union bill had been proposed to parliament by His Majesty's ministers. I do not hesitate to say it was not. They only adopted and patronised it, after it was brought in by an opposition-member, Mr. Ellice, upon the false representations made to them of its tendency, and the desire felt by the people of Canada for such a measure. Finding it also one that would ultimately reduce these provinces to the state of mere dependencies of the crown, sources of ministerial patronage, and a mine from which they might dig both money and power, they naturally fell in with the views of the insidious proposers of it. Yet with a virtue and magnanimity which has done them infinite credit, when we consider those powerful temptations to persevere in the unjust and oppressive system that had come recommended to them, even from the supposed friends of political freedom, they no sooner saw, by means of the eloquent, and convincing speeches of Sir James Macintosh and his friends, the real state of the case, than they abandoned it ; or at least delayed the decision, that justice might be done to the merits of all the questions involved in it. I have no doubt that the truly enlightened and able man, Mr. Canning, who is now at the head of affairs in England, will see the whole in its true light. I scarcely think England could have a better minister for the affairs of the colonies.

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