

3d For that purpose, to subdue the spirit of opposition to encroachment, and to unconstitutional requisitions, which has manifested itself in the population of this country, thro' their representatives; by overwhelming them with an accession of members, possessing different opinions, having different interests, and generally of different languages and religions.

4th. To gratify the ambition, pride, prejudices and avarice of a very small, and, excepting in point of wealth, a very insignificant, set of men, who have come amongst us; who are strangers to our soil, manners, language and religion; but who having obtained a commercial preponderance, and maintained a constant intercourse with the ministerial government of England, have deceived that government, as much as they have conspired against the well-being of both these provinces, which they seek by this means, to become masters of.

Gentlemen, you have not officially before you the bill so proposed to be brought into parliament; but, since the Executive in this province, thro' its organ, the Quebec Gazette, has been pleased to intimate, (in the case of the non-transmission to you, last session, of the notice from Upper-Canada, relative to their having appointed an agent to proceed to England, on the subject of the disputes that existed between me and my sister on my right hand,) that you do, and ought to, act upon notorious report, and newspaper authority, without official documents, which it would take up *too much precious* time to copy, being laid before you; so you will please to consider that proposed bill, as printed and circulated in this country, in the same light as if it had been communicated to you from the Castle.

I will therefore leave to you, gentlemen, to discuss the merits and purposes of all the clauses of that bill; which, as you are informed from the highest authority, is *only postponed*, and will therefore probably be again brought forward "with all its imperfections on its head;" convinced that you will give the whole the most impartial consideration, and that, on the one hand, your respect for the Imperial parliament, and deference for the wisdom of his Majesty's councils, will not deaden or weaken your zeal, energy, and firmness, in behalf of yourselves, your posterity, of me your country, these my sisters, your neighbouring provinces, and all other British colonies, (for all are involved in the consequences;) and on the other, that your patriotism and enthusiasm will not blind you as to what is just, honourable, and equitable, nor tarnish the lustre of your ostentatious loyalty to your king, and devotion to your metropolitan state.

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Council!*

I can not avoid departing from general parliamentary usage addressing myself specially to you, as a branch of the legislature, from which much good was to be expected, and by which