

'Tis pitiful to hear them prate  
 About their annual supplies;  
 The niggards seem to court our hate,  
 They make our indignation rise.

For if they truly loved their King,  
 Would they be sparing of their money?  
 Or act like bees, who dart their sting  
 'Gainst those who come to take their honey.

Like bees, by mites they've given for years,  
 What's eager craved *in one great lump*.  
 We'll knock their hive about their ears  
 'Tis enough to rouse a very stump.

More fit that *we* should rule the roast,  
 Tho' but a small, a chosen band,  
 For who of loyalty doth boast  
 So loud as *we*, throughout the land?

Far otherwise we'll shew *our* zeal  
 We'll ne'er be call'd curmudgeons, never;  
 Like patriots, for our country's weal,  
 We'll grant the civil list for ever.

It would be, I think, of considerable service to the constitutional cause, both in Lower and Upper Canada, were a good ballad or two composed, adapted for general comprehension, both in French and English, that could be sung about the streets to some well known tune; and, being willing to contribute what is in my power towards defeating the selfish and ambitious projects of the little band of Union-conspirators who are trying their utmost to enslave, and Scotticise the country, I will send both the Free Press and the Scribbler *gratis*, the former from the commencement, and the latter from the beginning of the second volume to whoever furnishes the best ballad on the subject (not to exceed twelve stanzas of four lines) either in French or in English; and the Free Press to the next best; to which last the writer shall also be entitled, should there be but one: the ballads to be sent me on or before the 2d of January, as they will be published in the Free Press of the 9th ditto.

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TO CORRESPONDENTS. L'AMI DE LA PATRIE is received and will appear next week. Also CONSISTENCY'S third favour, which I regret did not come in time for this number. GRACCHUS on the 8th and 9th questions of SOCRATICUS, is requested to state the grounds on which he conceives that the Union bill originated in England.