

INTRODUCTION.

UNTIL a more compendious History of those important Events which have occupied the attention of, and given the most serious excitement to, the Canadian Public, for the last few months;—together with more extensive details, and copies of all the documents relating thereto—can be prepared; all which will form a volume of considerable dimensions, the following NARRATIVE, originally written for, and sent to, the Editor of the *Jeffersonian*—a newspaper published at *Watertown*, in the State of New-York, by the *Arch-Traitor* MACKENZIE, himself, will be read with the deepest interest by all classes of Society in the Canadas, and even beyond the boundaries of the British Provinces in America. It is authentic; and contains more truth than MACKENZIE, generally threw into his injurious compositions.

Our Canadian Editor of this work, however, cannot permit it to go forth in this country, without explanatory Notes, corrective of the errors fallen into by the original writer of the *Narrative*, where they evidently occur; together with a few introductory remarks.

The seeds of dissatisfaction toward the Executive in Upper Canada were first extensively sown by ROBERT GOURLAV, Esq., the well known Scottish Reformer; whose objects, however, it cannot now be well doubted, were HONEST. Those seeds were greatly advanced towards maturity by the unfortunate agitation of the ALIEN QUESTION; but the Chief, most deeply rooted, and incessantly active, cause of all the principal mischief lies in the OLIGARCHY, which has been suffered to mature itself into the most frightful and calamitous power that ever afflicted an extensive, rich, and beautiful Province; and a brave and otherwise loyal people. The system of exclusiveness, and the merciless persecution of all those who refuse to bend the knee to the narrow-minded policy, and arbitrary power of the FAMILY COMPACT; the consequent favoritism; and the baneful spirit of monopoly; with countless evils beside,—which have resulted from the combined interests of a few upstart families, unfortunately entrusted with power at an early period in the Government of the Colony,—have caused, and will continue to cause, without the immediate interference of the strong arm of the IMPERIAL POWER—the most serious discontents, and a general paralysis in the affairs of the Country.

So skilfully are the snares of this destructive *Compact* laid, that it seems to matter but little *who* is sent out as Governor: for Governor after Governor invariably falls into their hands, and becomes a mere instrument to effect their own purposes—abundant evidence of this fact, even under the *vaunted firmness* *justice*, and decision of *character*, of SIR F. B. HEAD—may be seen in the greater part of the late civil, and especially in the late military, appointments.

With the knowledge of all these facts we must not be surprized at the conduct of Governor HEAD, a little previous to, and during the outbreak; nor must we censure *him* for *all* the blindness and imbecility which characterized the Executive on that occasion. As the MONARCH of ENGLAND, politically, can do no wrong—so are we willing that the REPRESENTATIVE here shall be protected behind the *dark curtain* of his Councillors!