

mentary'] were grovelling about the best means of beggaring servants, to please their constituents, by the lopping off of miserable salaries, or passing bills to keep a few dollars in the country, they never contemplated upon the necessity of bringing any in by depriving the Americans, as they ought to have done, of the large sums annually paid them: no, poor things, they remained, like the swaggering officers of a Tower, directing the sentinel to guard the flag-staff, whilst the enemy was springing a mine under its foundation.

By their resolutions they profess to feel a great interest for the welfare of this province; they impudently propose (Oh, hypocrisy!) addressing the parliament of Great Britain, upon our ruinous situation; but they have not said one word about the wretched engines that effected it; they have not stated, that, whilst they were giving every encouragement to the enemies of our country, they were doing all in their power to beggar and enslave us.

It is the right, the undoubted right of these gentlemen to address the government of Great Britain, and to profess an anxiety for our welfare, altho' they fraudulently withhold 60,000% of our money, in the hope of obtaining permission to carry on their former pursuits,—that of depriving us of our trade, and the crown of its Revenues; but they are much mistaken if they suppose that they can gloss over their foul actions to this Colony, whilst gentlemen intimately connected with his majesty's ministers, well acquainted with the transactions of past years, are on the spot to expose their duplicity; and who can and will state, that they have like vultures preyed upon the very vitals of our country.

We are sorry that the situation of this Colony, is as described by the Lower Canadian Merchants.