

formerly; and when we find that he has so many abettors, and informants, even in our own holy circles. When wittypates conspire, it is time for thickheads to combine; and the combination I propose is an agreement, which I hope will obtain the signatures of all who wish to support the awe and respect due to me and other great men, and to oppose the demoralization which must result from seeing the jokes that are passed upon us relished and laughed at."

After having thus ably and forcibly displayed the evils of laughter, and the most likely means of preventing it in future, the honourable chairman presented to the meeting the draft of an act of voluntary association, by which the subscribers engaged neither to joke themselves nor to laugh at any joke whatsoever, and pledged themselves to inform against all those who did laugh, or were said, or suspected to laugh; and further, that they would not purchase or encourage any satiric writings, nor procure or retail any jests or satires, or such as they suspected to be such, nor thereafter hold any communion with those who did read, retail, or laugh at such productions or sayings: which act of association was adopted, as is usual in such meetings, *à la mode des brebis*, one sheep following another, and signed by ninety-nine of the gentlemen present; though it is strongly suspected that they are not the ninety-nine just men mentioned in scripture who never went astray, but that some of them were, and continue to be, incorrigible laughers, notwithstanding this their solemn league and covenant.

News, News, News. Extract of a letter from Quebec. By the arrival of H. M. Ship Hoax (upon sliders over the ice) commanded by captain Quiz, the interesting intelligence has been