

loyalty to the British Crown, and due deference and respect for his Majesty's representative in this Province; and convinced that in no one action of their lives, they can have merited the epithets of disloyalty, or disaffection, they think they have a right to complain of the conduct of Mr. Caldwell, who in capacity of Colonel of the British Militia, has treated them more like Slaves--than Englishmen, by ungentlemanly expressions contained in his Militia orders, by holding Military Courts illegally constituted, by wantonly issuing executions on their property and ordering them to be put in force in the most insulting and disgraceful manner, by vexatiously harassing them and disturbing the peace of their families, and finally, not having his vengeance sufficiently satiated by these unwarrantable proceedings, by attempting to bring them forward criminally at the public bar of the Court of King's Bench, for a * publication which appeared in the Quebec Herald of the 23d of [illegible] ridiculing his Quixotic ideas---this will it is [illegible] apology on the part of the subscribers to the [illegible] pages; they ask nothing