

The Association in these Provinces can never be suppressed but by means which would subvert the constitution, and annihilate the connection with the Mother Country.

In many quarters, where the true nature of the Orange Association is not properly known, its designs and objects have by some been misunderstood, and by others misrepresented. From the name it bears—being connected in everyone's mind with the history of parties in Ireland—some are apt to suppose that its sphere is necessarily confined to that country; not reflecting that an instrument which has been chiefly used there to suppress rebellion, repel invasion, and secure domestic tranquillity, may be found equally efficacious to loyal men of all countries, in protecting their lives, liberties and properties. The Association is constituted upon the broadest principles of national freedom. It takes its stand upon the glorious principles of the Revolution of 1688; it lays its foundation in the field of British liberty; it disdains the badge of faction, and knows no emblem save "The Altar and the Throne."

As the Prince of Orange was invited to England by a coalition of parties, who united from a common sense of their sacred duty to preserve their religion and liberties, so the Orange Association, named after that Immortal Prince, invites a similar combination, and calls upon the sons of Britain to lay aside political feuds, and, like their illustrious ancestors, who signed and sealed the great Covenant of Freedom to sacrifice every private consideration, and establish a centralization of power to conserve the great blessings and privileges which we enjoy under British connection, upon such a basis as will enable every limb and fibre to receive vitality and nourishment from the parent stem.