

lished customs of that country, as well as to its laws.

That the Grecian games, the Roman Saturnalia, the Venetian Carnival, the Spanish bullfeasts, the English May games, and an innumerable number of other national customs, are all akin to that of the Charrivarri, and were, or are, no more proper or legal than that is.

That in the result of the late melancholy occurrence at Montreal, (into its details I shall not enter, as a legal trial of the real criminals; it is to be hoped will take place, to satisfy the public irritation, and therefore it is proper to abstain from them, until the facts are proved in evidence,) the magistrates have, as far as my present information goes, acted in a diametrically opposite way to what their duty and justice required, and that they ought to have been diligently employed in seeking after, and both securing for trial and screening from popular vengeance, the perpetrators, abettors, and accessories, of the murder, which a coroner's jury have declared has been committed, than in taking up, examining, detaining, and imprisoning, the unoffending parties who are the aggrieved side; if they had let the guilty escape, they ought not to have turned round and attacked the innocent. If they found it necessary to do something to redeem the opinion of their inefficiency and inactivity, it ought to have been the demolishing and rioters of the ensuing evening, whom they should have sought after; who, although actuated by an excusable spirit of maddened revenge for the sanguinary outrage that had been practiced, were breakers of the law, offenders in deed and in spirit.

That these events ought to be warning voice, first to the self-willed fools who will not pay tribute to popular custom, and an ancient legal and laudable mode of having their folly gently rebuked, not again to dare to attempt to put down that custom by blood and murder; and secondly to all true Canadians to resist the oppressive rod that is endeavoured to be held over them, nor ever to let another ill assorted match take place without a Charrivarri, and if attempted to be prevented in that legal and proper pursuit, to resist, *vi et armis*, all attacks that may be made upon them to take them prisoners, or to disperse them; as I tell them that no magistrate, officer, constable, watchman, or any other individual, has any right to do so, until after the riot act has been read.

And, finally, that it ought to be taken up in the next session of the House of assembly, who I hope will not suffer the ancient and praise-worthy customs of their forefathers, to be trampled upon by a set of factious and upstart Scotchmen, stiff-necked Americans, and unprincipled, and imbecile trading justices.

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