### FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

# ANTI-SLAVERY SOCIETY OF CANADA.

HELD IN

## THE ST. LAWRENCE HALL,

ON WEDNESDAY, 24TH MARCH, 1852;

### THE REV. MICHAEL WILLIS, D.D.,

IN THE CHAIR;

An abstract of the Report of the Society for the past year was read, by the Secretary, and the following Resolutions unanimously passed:—

On the motion of the Rev. R. Burns, D.D., seconded by Peter Freeland, Esq., it was

### RESOLVED-

"That while we deplore the continued existence of Slavery in the world, and especially in the United States, a system not merely sinful in itself, but the cruse of numerous evils, Political, Social, Commercial and Religious, we rejoice in any favourable symptoms that promise its abolition and utter extinction."

On the motion of the Rev. John Roaf, seconded by R. H. Brett, Esq., it was

### RESOLVED-

"That, in common with Wilberforce, Buxton, Macaulay, and their associates and successors, we have no confidence in the American Colonization Society, founded, and chiefly supported, as it has been, by Slaveholders—the worst enemies of Freedom; and of the Slave, whose welfare they pretend to be anxious to promote by expatriation to Liberia."

On the motion of George Brown, Esq., M.P.P., seconded by James Lesslie, Esq., it was

### RESOLVED-

"That while we would gratefully record our thanks to those Clergymen and others in the United States, who have so nobly exposed the atrocities of the Fugitive Slave