

this head, further than that, as the house intended to cover the whole of the expenses of that year by its (their) vote of the 24th March 1813, they recommend a bill being introduced to cover this excess.

(To be continued.)

The hope I expressed in No. 21, that I might soon be able to give an account of the *last dying speech, confession and execution* of the union-project, has been sooner accomplished than I had expected. Its *LAST DYING SPEECH* will be found in the various unionist papers in Canada; its *CONFESSION*, if Mr. Sutherland will take the trouble of intercepting and opening a few more letters, may be discovered from the correspondence of the junto with their friends across the Atlantic, some sketches of which may likewise *by possibility*, fall into my hands; and the warrant for its *EXECUTION* has been issued in the following

*QUEBEC MERCURY EXTRAORDINARY, of the 5th instant.*

"We have authority to announce, for the information of the public, that His Majesty's secretary of state for the colonies, has intimated to his excellency the governor in chief, the determination of His Majesty's government to relinquish for the present, the re-introduction of the proposed measure for the legislative union of these provinces in the approaching session of parliament, of the policy and propriety of which measure, in the abstract, His Majesty's government still retain their original opinion."

Since this determination of ministers has taken place before the arrival of the deputies from Canada, carrying the petitions both for and against the union, any faint hopes which the chop-fallen unionists may entertain on account of the words "for the present," and of the supplementary, and superogatory assertion of the opinion of government as to its "policy and propriety" remaining the same can not fail of being blasted, when they reflect upon the indubitable and inevitable effect those petitions must have, in opening the eyes of government as to the real sense of the people, and the true state of the case; and when these come again to be still further strengthened by the addresses of both our houses, who can for a moment doubt that the union will be consigned to the "tomb of all the Capulets."

It is not, however, to be expected that the restless ambition, and cupidity, of the Scotch faction of traders, will rest satisfied under this signal defeat of all their idle hopes, and vain predictions. The venom that has been working through the province ever since the proconsulate of the detested Craig, though now its course is stayed, and its virulence blunted, will, unless it be continually watched, and checked, and medicated, still continue to trickle from the rotten core, the polypus of the heart, the serpent that lies coiled up in the ventricle,—from Montreal, the heart, and from the Scotch trading faction, the serpent—Let us