

tering them in the cream of the season, and reaping great benefits before our lumber and produce could make their appearance ; the result of which was, that the property of our Merchants appeared as a drug ; they had either to accept of the terms offered by the Merchants below, or lay it up for the ensuing season, in the hope of obtaining a better price : and, in the long run, it was frequently sacrificed to defray the expenses of wharfage and warehousing, or to avoid the charges occasioned thereby.

It is really a matter of no small surprise, to read the resolutions entered into by our enslavers in the Lower Province. What can be more insulting to the inhabitants of this Province, than the liberty they have taken in linking us in their resolutions ? Who is the Merchant or Farmer in this Colony that authorised them to do so ? and where is the man whose apathy, whose torpor, whose self degradation is so great, as to apply to the freebooters of our rights, to make use of our sufferings, in the hope of obtaining those privileges, which their avarice deprived us of ? and which, if obtained, would be immediately transferred to Americans.

The Lower Canada merchants have stated, in their resolutions, our distressed situation ;—we do not blame them for that statement, because it is true ; but we blame them for not going a little farther ; they might surely have stated some of the causes from which the distress had arisen ; they might have said, that, in the shipment of lumber, &c, the growth and produce of the U. States, as Canadian, they deprived us of receiving during the last five years, two millions of dollars ; that whilst our pat-riot members of former parliaments, [we wont say the present, as it would be 'unparlia-