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PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT.

Debate on the Council's Message, Continued.

Mr Uniacke rose and spoke as follows:—Sir, I have waited patiently till this period of the day, in hopes that some of those gentlemen who have led us along for the last two or three weeks, would adduce some sound and substantial reason why we should strike to the ground all the resolutions which we have passed in that time, and begin anew. From the course which I have personally taken, in these measures, I cannot but feel, whatever disastrous consequences may result from the position in which the house has placed itself, that I, at least, shall be exempt from blame; and, in the steps which are now to be adopted, I should like to act, not from any personal considerations, but with a view to uphold the dignity and respectability of this House. Sir, the people of Nova Scotia have their eyes steadfastly fixed on us. They can not be deluded by flimsy pretences. They look at your body, and listen to its deliberations with breathless anxiety, they possess the feelings of freemen and Britons, and watch with the closest scrutiny the course which is pursued in every measure in which their rights and liberties are involved.

The majority of this house have already driven heading, against every warning, under a position which they are unable to retain; they now turn to force us back with as much precipitancy as we have advanced, but let us pause before we take the irrevocable step. I ought, perhaps, to feel gratified at seeing the Hon. gentleman from the County of Halifax, now about to adopt the course which I myself formerly pointed out, to foster a bantering, when he was too fond to trust me with his own, to take under his maternal care, the child of his own creation, like mine, but differing in legitimacy, for his is of bastard birth. At the very outset of this debate, I sketched out the course which is now proposed to you. When we arrived at the objectionable resolution, and I found the house were ready to give their assent to it, I pronounced it might pass any thing afterwards. If language like that of this resolution could be used, without the interference of the council, we might do any thing with impunity. But, Sir, my warning voice was disregarded, the resolution passed, and you proceeded with the rest. Once more I attempted to arrest the impetuosity of the house. When the last resolution for the appointment of a Committee was proposed, I submitted an amendment, but it met with the same fate as all my other efforts. I ought, perhaps, then to feel vain that the Hon. gentleman from the County of Halifax, has been so far reformed to my opinions. The conduct of the house is more liable to censure because the offensive language was not the essence of the resolution. It was not requisite, when we asked the Council to throw open their doors, to charge certain individuals of that body with wilful and corrupt legislation, and therefore the insult is gratuitous. But what is now proposed? not to remove the unjustifiable charge, which is the source of offence. No, say the leaders of the opposite side, we will not do that, but we will evade the question. Well do I remember the debate which took place when the resolutions of the hon. gent. from the County of Sydney

were rejected. It was then said that this house would act manfully, whatever should be the consequence. Yet, what are we now about to do? If we were right, we could have gone on as we commenced, in defiance of all consequences; if we were justified in using the offensive expressions, we need not hesitate in retaining them upon our Journals, but we were not justified, and the course which is now proposed, will only add insult to insult.

I am not astonished that these bitter expressions should have crept into a resolution passed by the hon. gentleman from the County of Halifax. That gentleman's mind is, as I have told him before, so thoroughly imbued with this subject, that he sees every thing connected with it through the magnified powers of his own excited feelings. But are we to follow him wherever he pleases to carry us? I trust the house are not prepared to obey the impulse of every whim, which may agitate his mind. By one effort of his magic powers, putting of Resolutions as long as a kite tail springs into existence, one stroke of his wand is now to resolve them into their original nothingness.

Sir, I freely ascribe to the hon. gentleman the character of usually urging forward his measures in such a way, as entitles him to the appellation of a brave and bold soldier; but I fear the present step will deprive him of that character. On a former occasion his language was lofty and strong, "the Council dare not keep their doors closed, the people will dash past their threshold like a toll bar," and other expressions replete and big with boldness and bravery. But now what a change has come over the spirit of his dream! "We have insulted the Council and they resent it, therefore let us retreat—we have restlessly invaded the rights of the other branch, but they offer resistance, therefore let us fly from the contest." Sir, if the hon. gent. had told us from the commencement, that the moment a Message came from the Council, we were to abandon our position and fly for our lives—I feel persuaded this House would not have followed him with the same confidence. We are willing to be led by the brave and bold soldier, who is as undaunted in action as he is adventurous in conception, but not by the braggart who will talk of fighting while danger is at a distance, but who shrinks from his post when the contest is at hand. Sir, well do I remember the thrill of pleasure, on reading the expressions of an English drummer boy, captured by and enrolled in the ranks of the enemy. He was asked to play some air for the amusement of his captors, and he played the roast beef of old England, he roused their feeling as he struck Rule Britannia, Britannia rules the waves, and soothed or exasperated every heart with God save our noble king, but, when asked to sound a retreat: "That, cried the boy, "an English soldier never learns." What is the position we are now placed in? when we can go forward, we advanced talking loudly of our intentions, the columns of every newspaper were filled with expressions of our magnanimous designs, and now, when I look round me—I can scarce believe that it is on the floors of the same House, that this long policy is about to be adopted.

The hon. Gentleman from the County of Halifax tells us that he expected all this, because the Council are mad, I ask if a Commission of Lunacy were issued,

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