

"sedition," talk of "designing men," and impiously invoke the attributes of the Deity to scare them from their sacred purpose.

It gives us great pleasure to learn, friends, that you are not so easily scared *by proclamation law*--by the decree of a junta against a whole nation. Surely you know and feel, though Governor Gosford may not, that "**A NATION NEVER CAN REBEL.**" For when the liberties of a million of people are prostrated to the dust at the will of a grasping, despicable minority--when an attempt is made to destroy their representative rights, the only existing bond of allegiance, the only power through which laws can be justly enforced--then has the time arrived when society is dissolved into its original elements, placing each man in a position freely to choose for himself those institutions which are the most consonant to his feelings, or which will best secure to him his life, labour, and possessions. If the mother country will not render *justice* to her colonies in return for their allegiance--if she will not be content with *mutual* obligations, but seek to make them the prey of military nabobs and hungry lordlings, executing their decrees with force, she must not be disappointed to find her offspring deserting her for her unnatural absurdities and monstrous cruelty.

Your legislative and executive councils, feeling the great inconvenience of submitting to your constitutional rights, have endeavoured to frown you into compliance by British legislation.

You have wisely questioned such authority, and justly branded their decrees with the infamy they deserve. They now loudly threaten you with Gosford-law of their own enactment. Should you be firm to your purpose (as we think you will), they will have recourse to diplomacy and cunning; they will amuse you with the name of royalty, talk of your youthful Queen's affection for you, and resort to every specious art their craft can dictate. But they will carefully keep back from royal ears the wrongs they have generated--the crimes of open plunder and private speculation which have made the breach between you; they'll tell their garbled tale of "treason and sedition," poisoning the youthful mind to suit their purpose.

Canadian brethren! hear us, though we be only working men:--trust not too much to princely promises when your own ears are the witness; less so, when oceans roll between, and interested chieftains tell the tale. Trust to your righteous cause, and honest deeds to make that cause secure.

We have received, with considerable satisfaction, your resolutions approving of our humble exertions in your behalf--though we did but our duty in endeavouring to arouse the feelings of our fellow-men against the injustice we saw was about to be perpetrated on a distant portion of our brethren; and in this we have been successful to a