

deed, and that it was committed in retaliation of that lamented gentleman's having been untruly reported to have assisted in the destruction of the Caroline.

In corroboration of the too melancholy evidence which these events afford, that the loyal subjects and servants of Her Majesty are living in the neighbourhood of enemies, whose actions are neither controlled nor directed by the common feelings of humanity or religion, and who are as ready to engage in secret assassination as in open war and invasion, and who give encouragement to both, without fear or apprehension that the laws of their own country will reach or punish them, or that their magistrates and public officers have either the power or inclination to interfere with or restrain them, your committee feel it right to notice two instances which, they believe, cannot fail to strike every humane mind with the deepest feelings of surprise and concern:

A newspaper was some time since established in the city of Buffalo, in the state of New York, which has constantly advocated the invasion of these provinces by foreign brigands, and urged upon the inhabitants of the union to sustain and support them. In one of the numbers of that paper, published a few weeks since, alluding to his Excellency the Lieutenant-governor, and the officers of Her Majesty's Government, whose painful duty it was to aid in enforcing the laws of the province against domestic traitors and foreign invaders, the following paragraph appeared:—

"It is our deliberate conviction that it is every good man's duty to do all in his power to sweep this murderous tyranny from the Western World. To accomplish it almost any measures are justifiable.

"We have no patience with those bloody wretches, and much as we abhor assassination, we would almost justify it in freeing the world from such monsters.

"Where are those Canadians who swore to avenge the death of every patriot prisoner? Macnab, and Drew, and Arthur, and Prince, and Hagerman, and Robinson, are still alive."

At a later period, placards were posted up throughout the city of Detroit, offering a reward of 800 dollars for the dead body of the gallant and greatly calumniated Colonel Prince; and 1,000 dollars if brought to the city alive; and, not long afterwards, a person who was strongly suspected of having come over to Sandwich, near which place Colonel Prince resides, for the purpose of murdering him, after being arrested on suspicion, was bailed by the collector of customs at the port of Detroit.

These publications and direct incitements to the commission of the most horrible of crimes passed unnoticed by the magistracy of the great communities in which they were promulgated; and the parties who avowed their authorship do not appear to have been considered guilty of any offence.

Your committee would feel no small degree of gratification could they here conclude their observations on the outrages to which their enduring and deeply-injured fellow-subjects have been exposed, from the faithless and barbarous conduct of the citizens and people of the United States. They would rejoice to have it in their power to ascribe the unprovoked attacks, which they have narrated in the preceding pages of their Report, to the wreckless and wanton conduct of a few unprincipled men—who, guided by their own bad passions, had assailed the peace of the province without encouragement or countenance from that portion of the population of the Republic who claim to be respectable, and enemies of crime.

Well assured that your honourable House would promptly discountenance and disallow the promulgation of any expression that would unjustly assail the integrity of a neighbouring nation and people, who have, until the last few months, been regarded as friends as well as allies, your committee will cautiously abstain from advancing a sentiment that can be regarded as unjust towards the American people. But, while they admit that that portion of them who reside at a remote distance from the boundary which divides Canada from the United States have taken no open part in, but, on the contrary, may have condemned the crimes committed by their fellow-citizens, to which reference has been made in this Report, your committee are nevertheless bound in truth and justice to declare, that the brigands and pirates who invaded this province murdered our fellow-subjects, and destroyed their property at Prescott, Windsor and elsewhere, were encouraged, aided and supported by all classes of citizens of the Republic residing in the contiguous states. The evidence of this fact is too strikingly obvious and conclusive to admit of any doubt.

Your committee feel it unnecessary to dwell at any length on the occurrences which immediately preceded the invasions that were so signally and gallantly defeated at the two places just mentioned; but it is necessary to advert to them, as well to preserve the narrative entire, as to place before the people of England and of all other countries a connected detail of the injuries to which we have been subject, and for which we are entitled to redress.

Rumours had for some time been circulated through the province that a secret and extensive combination was forming in the frontier states of the Union, with a view to the invasion of both the provinces of Canada by a force so numerous, well armed and organized, as to ensure the overthrow of the government, the conquest of the country, and its separation from the British Crown. These reports were for a time disregarded; but, towards the close of the month of October, evidence was laid before the Lieutenant-governor, and information was simultaneously transmitted to Her Majesty's Minister at Washington of a nature that left no doubt on the mind of any reasonable man that our lives and liberties were threatened with much greater danger than had hitherto assailed them.

Her Majesty's subjects live in the neighbourhood of a people uncontrolled by the common feelings of humanity or religion.

Instances of the above woful testimony.

A newspaper published at Buffalo which advocates these invasions.

Extract from the Buffalo paper.

Placards in Detroit offering 800 dollars for the dead body of Colonel Prince, and 1,000 dollars if taken alive.

A person arrested on suspicion of having a design on Col. Prince. Bailed by collector at Detroit.

These publications and incitements to crime unnoticed by the people in the United States.

The American people who live remote from the frontier may condemn these acts of piracy, &c.;

but they are evidently encouraged by all classes in the contiguous states.

Events that preceded the last invasions.

Rumours of secret and extensive combinations in the frontier states for an invasion of both the Canadas.

These reports at first disregarded; but subsequently fully confirmed.