

from the revels of the three precedings nights and days, (being all that time occupied in celebrating the baptism of gagging Tom's child,) that one of his sons had to lead him to a window in order to get air; and in that position he stood, with *his back* to the Lord Bishop, during the greater part of the time occupied by his Lordship in preaching a sermon condemnatory of the acts above described.

Never was language better applied; and I am sure the audience (that is the pious part of them) was highly delighted at the castigation given to the great and *fashionable* sinners of Springfield upon that occasion.

Really, to go into a detail of the Rector's acts and deeds, it would in itself fill a volume. What think you of a Clergyman, and a Minister of the Church of England too, denouncing his neighbours (without the shadow of reality that they were,) with the exception of the loyal blacksmith and tavern-keeper, *ALL REBELS*. There can be no piety in such conduct; neither can there be any in his listening, surrounded by his bilgewater fashionables, to his son "Willy" singing debauched songs without reprimanding him!

As to their loyalty and gallantry, all I need say about them, is to refer my readers to *the glorious retreat of the gagging Major*, not from the enemies of the Queen, but from her defenders—the fifteen bold Dragoons who had accompanied the poltron to the Credit Harbour the day previous to the ever-memorable battle of Gallows Hill!

Having by reference, disposed of *Tom's* gallantry and loyalty, I shall refer my readers to the cork-bullet duel of "Coptin" James for his gallantry; and as to Charley's gallantry and loyalty, I shall refer to the challenge of Mr. William Cox, and the answer poor cowardly Charley returned to Colonel Cameron's order, "that he was so bad with a pain in his bowels, that it was impossible for him to leave his room," to proceed with the flotilla to the American shore, the night of the attack upon the steamboat *Caroline*.

But were I to look for cowardice, slander, combination, and conspiracy, I should look to the *Magraths* above all men; for they are as fully conversant and as well loaded with these acquisitions, as the cocoa-tree is with nuts, or the cob with grains of Indian corn.

During the administration of Sir John Colborne, the gagging Major, upon the incessant and pressing applications of his parents to his Excellency and Lady, was appointed to superintend the location of Emigrants upon lands, near to Lake Simcoe. In preceding on his route he happened to enter into conversation with an amiable young woman, then on her way to the residence of Captain Anderson, she having been engaged by Mrs. Anderson to live with her as a servant. The gagging Major was all politeness to the young woman; he asked her where she was going, and what her prospects were. The innocent girl candidly told the *SHARK* that she

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