

It was the hand of the government, to shew such promptness to grant us what they were told would fill us with joy; it is the fullest evidence of their readiness to legislate for our happiness; but we have had a narrow escape from being killed with their kindness; for it is evident that, but for the penetration of Sir James MacIntosh, and some other members of the house, (one of whom called the bill by its proper name, "an infamous bill,") it would certainly have passed, with all its horrors, and we should have been kicked out from the pale of liberty, and consigned to everlasting degradation. Let us thus give our unfeigned thanks to Sir James MacIntosh, and those who supported him, and also to His Majesty's Ministers, for their ready acquiescence with the reasonable suggestion, that time should be allowed to ascertain the sense of the Canadian people before the passing of the bill. When any rational scheme is devised by which the interest of these now contending provinces, can be united and consolidated, by which we can be made one Country, one people, acknowledging one God, one king, one legislature, one executive, one judiciary, and as many religions as we please, and which will secure to us the full enjoyment of all our rights and privileges, as guaranteed by our present enviable constitution, then I trust the people of both provinces will zealously cooperate in so hallowed a design. Common sense makes obvious the way,*—may it speedily be followed, but in the mean time better

—"bear those ills we have
Than fly to others that we know not of."

It is for us a subject of rejoicing, that the Lower Canadians are as sensible of the blessings of our glorious constitution as ourselves; that they are as much terrified at the ghastly heads of the bill as we are; this gives us an earnest of future harmony, and proves them a people worthy of the blessings they enjoy, with whom it would be an honour to join in the bonds of union. How to effect this great and important object, I must here remark, should unceasingly occupy the thoughts of His Majesty's ministers, until it be accomplished. Then may they erect an altar to gratitude, on which a generous, brave, and loyal people, will pour abundant incense. Then may Great Britain exclaim with pride and exultation, "as many men in Canada, so many zealous champions in our cause."

* A federal union of all the British North American colonies in a general representative Council, or Congress, not a legislative union of any two of them, seems to be the only means of smoothing all difficulties, and drawing closer the bands which hold the colonies, and the parent-state together. *Experientia docet.*
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