

most unaffected indifference; neither do I remember ever to have endangered his good opinion so much as by appearing uneasy when the dealers in that kind of writing first began to pour out their *scurrilities* against him, which he thought was a weakness altogether inexcusable in a man of virtue and liberal education."

There is a model for high-souled British Statesmen to form upon, and well worthy of our perusal. I may have dwelt too long; but it is the idea of proscription which alarms me, and I care not who the victim may be, Liberal or Conservative, I shall struggle against and repudiate the principle. That her Majesty's Government regard with no favourable spirit the exercise of harsh and unduly severities, the Crown Officers opposite may learn from the removal of the Attorney and Solicitor General of Upper Canada in the case of the notorious McKenzie, one certainly deserving of little consideration by the Minister. Yet, because they gave their suffrages for his expulsion from the Legislature, the Secretary immediately displaced them, least their concurrence in that measure of excessive severity should bring suspicion upon the mild and merciful spirit of Majesty. Thus, even some years before the dawn of these changes, the Despatch of Lord Goderich evinced his distaste for proscription. But, Sir, the Attorney General, Mr Boulton, though he then suffered, seemed to have been revived into a nobler being by the very incense which ascended from the scene of the sacrifice, and now stands as a tutelary spirit around a more sacred altar than the one designed for his immolation.

The Hon and learned Member for Hants, in his discursive range, adverted to a case of personal indignity to Her Majesty, which was promptly followed by its meet retribution. Yes, sir, the spirit of England I feel would kindle at anything even savouring of an affront to the youthful and endeared Queen of the Realm. The figurative language of the eloquent Burke toward Marie Antoinette, is too feeble with all its richness, to depict emotions which would bear within the bosoms of the Nation in revenge of 'even a look that would threaten her with insult.' But, sir, we must examine the authority of my learned friend, as presented by the facts. It is the case of one not unknown to, and well remembered in this community—the gallant Dundas—who, having in the excess of festive forgetfulness, uttered expressions grossly reflective upon Her Majesty, (which transpired through some not very creditable agency), was removed from the command of his corps. So far, the precedent is in favor of Mr. Wilkins's cry for proscription:—but what has followed? Her Majesty, in whose bosom no resentment is permitted to rest—who breathes and has her being in an atmosphere untainted by the less noble passions of our nature—has not only recalled the author of the indignity to his duty, but has selected a distinguished corps of the elite of the army, for his command; and thus while replacing in the service a name memorable in military annals for conspicuous usefulness to its order and discipline, she has re-opened a career of probable glory to an indiscreet but gallant officer. I thank my honorable and learned friend for the reminiscence. And now, Mr. Chairman, in conclusion, the learned Member for Hants has compared the Queen's Representative to the noble denizen of the English grove, clothed in all the amplitude of its foliage, solid with the attributes of its strength, and wide spread in all the furniture of its beauty—the ornament and admiration of the green world around. I, sir, must be less ambitious in the similitude I select: but the forests of my own country yields a solid stem—which, like my Hon. Colleague, though struggling against the inclemency of climate, dilates in its growth, and ascends in its height, assuming fresh vigor as it vegetates; some hours of ungenial temperature may expel the sour saps as a blemish upon the bark—yet the tree, unbent and uninjured, will endure to supply the stately spar which is to bear aloft our standard amidst the battle and the breeze.