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"It is now time to lay aside all disguise, and to speak plainly and openly upon the affairs in question; to look around us and take note of the dispositions and conduct of our fellow-citizens."

Speech of the Hon John Richardson, at the meeting of the Unionists, 4th October, as reported in the Canadian Courant.

Fas est et ab hoste doceri, is a maxim older than the language in which it has passed into a popular apophthegm; and the unionists can not complain if, in adopting the sentiments and expressions of their leader, an anti-unionist, for such I avow myself to be, speaks plainly and openly, and sits the disposition and conduct of those who are opposed to him in politics. I am happy to see that the editor of the *Canadian Spectator*, (a new independent* paper of which the first number was published the 18th instaut,) has virtually followed that maxim in the very point to which I am wishful to direct the attention of the public. He has very properly restored the good old epithet of *English*, as applied to the maxims of liberty, to the Commons-house of parliament, and to our constitutional rights and privileges.— This at once points out the land of his nativity. The natives of the northern part of Britain, never speak of *England*, or *English* feelings, or *Englishmen*; but always affect the terms *British*, and *Britons*, and take merit to themselves that they belong to the empire of Great Britain. Certainly it is an honour to them that they do; but they know very little of *English* feelings, of *English* rights, & of the *English* constitution. The trial by jury they know not, they have not a single popular election, they have the old leaven of despotism, of clanship, and of the hereditary and divine right of the Stuarts in their veins. hence Scotsmen are at home, mostly courtiers, intriguers and hangers-on, and abroad, adventurers, with a great affectation of

* This epithet has been cavilled at as not applicable to a paper espousing avowedly the Canadian or anti-union party, as if it were equivalent to impartial: but independent, as applied to a public writer, implies uncontrouled by superiors, unswayed by motives of interest, not dictated to by a *quinto*, independent in principle and in language, and such seems to be the paper in question.