

INTRODUCTION.

To the Editor of the Cobourg Star.

My Dear Sir,—Again is the brand of discontent and disunion cast among us, and, already, the flames, assiduously fanned by radical disturbers of our peace, are spreading far and wide. Is this the promised reward of all the sacrifices that have been made? this the proffered solace for all the blood that has been lost, by 'the true and loyal,' to rescue this devoted province from the fangs of domestic traitors and foreign cut-throats? Are we to be delivered over, bound, powerless and *unheard*, to the tender mercies of our most inveterate enemies?

The wicked ministers of our deluded Queen beheld the triumph of loyalty and consequent re-establishment of peace and confidence, as Satan regarded Paradise, with shame and envy. They felt that our glorious example might extensively injure the cause of whiggery and radicalism, and thereby endanger their political existence: thus feeling, they resolved, at all hazards, to neutralize its effects. By extending almost unlimited mercy to convicted traitors and pirates, they taught many to believe that treason and piracy were venial crimes, and (which was their principal object) succeeded in disgusting and disheartening a large proportion of our loyal population. Honest and *active* conservatism, even in the remote province of Upper Canada, was incompatible with their pernicious principles and safety, and, hoping to destroy it, they confided our destinies and our interests to a nobleman who, with the excep-