

Let us infer from this alarming view of the situation of our affairs, how much it is the duty of all the friends of either our civil or our religious rights and liberties, to be on the alert. This is no time to sleep upon their post. Let one unanimous voice be lifted up, one simultaneous effort made, and we shall heave off this incubus from our country, and open a way for the free growth, the full expansion, of these Colonies—we shall sweep away all that now represses the putting forth of the energies of our population; the first, the only original spring of national life, liberty, prosperity; and thereby we shall most effectually provide for the permanence of our connection with the Parent State, a connection which, if it be suddenly and violently burst asunder, we are persuaded it will be, not through the direct and immediate agency of the Radicals or Republicans in Upper Canada, or of the Clique faction in this Province, but through the mischievous influence and outrageous acts of your Hagermans and Strachans—of those fools who “will rush in where angels fear to tread,” and whose shallowness of understanding, accompanied with a reckless selfishness, a low and sordid ambition, render them blind and insensate to the volcanic elements, which a little spark may kindle into combustion—which may communicate with a train whose explosion would precipitate *the country into revolution, and the Government into ruin.* Of such a character and mould, both in heart and head, were the men who first goaded into most unwilling disaffection, and by their blind and incorrigible folly drove at length into open revolt the Colonies to the south of us, how a mighty and independent nation; and there are spirits amongst us, who are hastening to put the finishing hand to the dismemberment of the British Transatlantic empire. The revolution will end where it began, in the evil councils and evil influence of men who, in spirit, principles, and character, bear one express image and likeness, reflect in every part and feature a common nature, as far as mere change of costume may not vary or disguise the points of similitude.

Will it be denied that the exclusive claims of the Church of England stand opposed to the wishes and interests of the great body of the Colonists? Will it bear a question after the exposé which has been made more than once of her exorbitant pretensions, in the face of the country and of the world, that it is the duty of every well-wisher of the Colony and of the Parent Country, to stand forth at once in open avowed determined resistance to such preposterous and overstrained pretensions? Shall we allow ourselves to be insulted, bullied and browbeaten by the hirelings of office, by the creatures of a court, by the selfish needy time-serving vermin of dependants who swarm at headquarters, who, like carrion crows, are gathered together wherever the carcase is, who, oftentimes without one particle of private or public virtue, without one manly trait of character to command respect or confidence, contrive to turn to their advantage the weakness or the facility of their betters, and to cover over the virus of their Orangeism (that is its proper name) by an affected and exaggerated zeal, in opposition to the Radical or Revolutionary party, who, but for them, would

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