

next breath to tell him to do something by which the law will be broken, is nugatory. It is a farce—an idle direction, not worthy of any man who pretends to be a man of sense and honour. Mr. Crampton knew the law, as is proved by his own written statements; he knew that to do certain acts was to break the law, and he laid plans by which he fancied that law could be safely broken. He was aided in this by two high functionaries—Sir Gaspard Le Marchant and Sir Edmund Head, as well as by Sir Joseph Howe, a gentleman of some celebrity in Nova Scotia. *Sir Joseph Howe was sent to the United States; by his intervention people were employed to break the law of the States, and by his hands they were paid for so doing. After spending about 100,000 dollars he got together 200 men, when he might have had the same number of thousands for half the money.* I may be asked what good I expect to derive from this motion. (Ministerial cheers.) I perfectly well understand that cheer. I know whence it proceeds and what it means, and my answer is, that I wish to obtain from the Noble Lord a distinct answer to this question—was Mr. Crampton instructed, not simply not to break the law, but not to do deeds by which the law would be broken?"

I have rarely seen, in the same number of lines, more ignorance, or reckless mis-statement, displayed before a deliberative Assembly. John Arthur Roebuck may think himself privileged to take such liberties with the absent, but he shall take no such liberties with me. I have seen him too often, have measured too accurately the breadth of his understanding and the vagaries of his intellect, to permit him to go uncorrected, when he gives himself such licence. The speech to which I refer, Sir, should not have gone uncontradicted an instant had I shared the privilege which you enjoy. Your melo-dramatic style should not long have given currency to nonsense, and the six hundred English gentlemen, before whom you attempted to damage my reputation, should have judged the value of your accusations on the instant, and would, or I am much mistaken, have stamped them with their indignant reprobation. Not being a member of Parliament my pen is my only resource, but the Press of England, thank God, is open to us all.

In the first place I must ask you to take back the title which, without permission of her Majesty, you have conferred upon me. I am not a Knight or a Baronet. The name I wear, will pass current in British America without the prefix. At all events I do not value an honorary distinction, attached to it by a gentleman, to give point to slanders, calculated, if not intended, to make the name itself a reproach. My own countrymen, who know me best, have elevated me, step by step, to the highest positions