

I am equally solicitous that peace should reign within it,—that justice be meted out to every portion of its citizens,—that order should be upheld and the laws respected,—that the privileges, the rights, and the property of the crown, the aristocracy, and the people be kept separate and inviolate,—and that religion be in reality a bond of union, of peace, and of Christian charity.

Most earnestly, therefore, would I fain impress on those talented (and it may be philanthropic) men who are urging, almost to desperation, some of the inhabitants of Lower Canada, and sowing the seeds of discord, disaffection, and hostility, in some of our other colonies, as well as at home, to pause in this rash, baneful, and unhallowed course. I would entreat them to remember, that if a war of principle once breaks forth, a fatal check will be given to the high career of improvement now being developed in every branch of art and science; and I would point to the truth of an historic fact, that any good, when attempted to be attained by corruption, fraud, or violence, is turned into evil. England is now improperly asked to grant to a few colonists that which she has not conceived it right in principle, or prudent in practice, to concede at home. The majority of the house of assembly in Lower Canada have stopped the whole business of the colony, because the constitution of 1791, [by virtue of which very constitution they at present sit and exercise the unjustifiable power which they have now assumed] is not abrogated,—for by that act no provi-