

not admit, that every individual, who shouts for Mr. Papineau, is also willing to fight for him. Talking and fighting, as Mr. Joseph Hume well knows, are very different things.

But if fighting were in the abstract as easy as talking, Mr. Papineau would meet one very formidable obstacle in attempting to arm his followers against the British Government. To say nothing of his want of courage, or his want of money, he would find that any proposal of insurrection would at once open the eyes of his deluded followers to the real nature of his designs, and hurl him for ever from his present bad eminence. Were I not writing for readers on the other side of the water, I should be ashamed to discourse so gravely on the probabilities of a Canadian insurrection. Mr. Papineau's followers, whether French or British, do not generally fathom his ulterior views; but a direct summons to take up arms would lay open the man's real objects to the blindest of his admirers.

Mr. Papineau's Canadian followers are generally well affected towards the Imperial Government; and his British tail, consisting chiefly of runaways from the United States, though not well affected towards the British government or towards any government at all, would certainly not hazard their lives for the establishment of a French republic. The latter, who are equally a disgrace to Canada and to the American republic, are unworthy even of this passing notice; and the loyalty of the former, if it has been shaken at all, has been shaken only by infamous falsehoods. The patriots have actually en-