

THE WORKING MEN'S ASSOCIATION TO THE CANADIAN PEOPLE.

FRIENDS IN THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM, BROTHERS
UNDER OPPRESSION, AND FELLOW-CITIZENS LIVING
IN HOPE,—

We have witnessed with delight the noble spirit you have evinced against the despotic ordinances and tyrant mandates of your oppressors. Inspired by the justice of your cause, you have nobly begun the glorious work of resistance; may the spirit of perseverance inspire you onward till the basely-concocted resolutions are withdrawn—your constitutional rights and wishes respected—or your independence secured by a charter won by your bravery!

While freemen stand erect in the conscious pride of thinking right and acting well, their honest front will oft-times scare the tyrant from his purpose, or check his mad career; for experience has taught him *that liberty in a smock-frock is more than a match for tyranny in armour*; but if they chance to crouch submission, or yield but a hair's-breadth to his wish, their doom is fixed—for tyrants delight to crush the yielding suppliant slave.

Onward, therefore, brothers, in your struggle—you have justice on your side, and good men's aspirations that you win. Nay, we trust that the wide-spreading information of the present age has so far enlightened the minds and expanded the sympathies of most classes of men, that even the British soldier (cut off and secluded as he is from society), on turning to the annals of atrocious deeds which mark the track of kingly despotism, and more especially those which characterise its career of cruelty against American liberty, when the savage yell, the tomahawk, and the scalping-knife were the frightful accompaniments of the bayonet, must blush for his country and his profession.

Yes, friends, the cause of DEMOCRACY has truth and reason on its side, and knavery and corruption are alone its enemies.

To justly distribute the blessings of plenty which the sons of industry have gathered, so as to bless without satiety all mankind—to expand by the blessings of education the divinely-mental powers of man, which tyrants seek to mar and stultify—to make straight the crooked paths of justice, and humanize the laws—to purify the world of all the crimes which want and lust of power have nurtured,—is the end and aim of the democrat; to act the reverse of this is the creed and spirit of aristocracy. Yet of this latter class are those who govern nations—men whose long career of vice too often forms a pathway to their power—who, when despotic deeds have stirred their subjects up to check their villany, declaim against