

sent of those who pay it; another confers on us the privilege of being taxed by foreigners, and enhances its value, by allowing us to tax them in return; this, no doubt, is by way of raising a handsome revenue, and puts me forcibly in mind of those races that take place in Scotland, called cadger's races, in which each competitor rides his opponent's horse, and the last in, wins the race. Another clause, gives to the two provinces one parliament, and two executives, and to this province in particular, the supreme felicity of being the perpetual minority in that parliament: another clause takes from us our elective franchise, for it facetiously enacts that the governor shall place *four men at arms* in the contemplated pitiful assembly, to assist in its deliberations. This above all others, is the clause that makes me entertain a sort of positive assurance that no *Englishman* was the projector of this bill. Such a suggestion was befitting the times of our eighth Harry. Perdition seize the wretch who would assimilate with his, these times of George the fourth. This infamous clause is the rank emanation of some machinating, some besotted, junto, festering in the bowels of our land, gaping to prey upon the vitals of the country that hath nursed them. Oh! that the indecent miscreants who have dared to propose to an independent people, to become panders to their own infamy, could be dragged from their coverture, and exposed to the light, that their names might be rung through the world, with blasting sound, till time shall be no more. Barter our elective franchise! nay, throw it away, for we are offered nothing in exchange, but the pitiful privilege of playing at tax and retax, or what may be otherwise termed *cutthroat*, with our brethren of the Lower Province. It may be told us, that our elective franchise remains untouched by this nicknamed bill. It is true we can still elect, but, mark, how ineffectual is our election rendered by this diabolical clause, which places *four executive spies* in the house of assembly, *to controul and direct its proceedings to suggest expedients, to propound questions, and FRAME THE READY ANSWERS, to wheedle, cajole, to bribe, to intimidate, by turns.*—“Wolves select,” official pilots, sworn to conduct the crazy barque, through dumb shew and noise, to the appointed haven. “*Who so gross as not to see this palpable device?*” Again I repeat the monstrous insult upon our understandings, contained in the bill, have not originated in an *English* house of commons, nor with his majesty's ministers, *but with serpents nourished in our own bosom*, who have told the confiding government at home, that this bill would cloy with gladness every creature in the two provinces.

“Then watch, O, watch the crafty knaves.
Like rats the structure undermining;
Who, with intent to make us slaves,
Some new device are ever coining.”