

By our glorious constitution to the *meanest felon*, whenever arraigned before a tribunal of justice.

As long as the resolutions, which it seems were passed against me, in my absence on Saturday evening, remain recorded on the journals of this honorable House, I cannot but feel myself *accused, tried and convicted*, not only unheard, but without notice or intimation, upon the *exparte* representations of my accusers, and under such circumstances, I am impelled to regard the doors closed against reply or explanation.

Even were the resolutions rescinded, I am constrained respectfully to remark, that I could not with a confidence equal to the justice of my case, and the innocence of my conduct, cheerfully answer in a place in which I had once been so hastily condemned.

I am in the power of this honorable House, but I trust still under the shelter of the British laws.

Against the decrees of this honorable body, I, an humble, and let me add, an unoffending individual, am ill able to contend, but my fate to-day may be the fate of another to-morrow, and of hundreds in time to come; the public whose liberties are dear to them, are as much, nay more concerned than I am in this unusual preceeding. To that public I can appeal for vindication, I have no other alternative. To my country I shall turn with confidence, but whether sustained by its voice or not, there is a spirit of patriotism inflaming my breast, as a British subject, a native of Canada, and an innocent man, that forbids me submissively to yield to the infraction of the best rights and privileges of the people in my person.

With all due deference and respect to this honorable House, I most respectfully claim protection, Sir, as a subject of my most gracious sovereign; I claim the birthright privileges of a Canadian inhabitant under the sacred auspices of the English law, dispensed in the spirit of British justice.

Would you believe that instead of unanimously applauding me for speaking fully the sentiments of a free-born Canadian, Dr. Baldwin, seconded by his friend, moved that this address be voted another breach of privilege, as if the privilege of complaint even was to be denied me, and implicit silence to be imposed upon an innocent person condemned unheard. The majority would not go such lengths, yet they voted that I should be committed; and

some of them, because of my offensive; so that and party feel the people of Goreau died during the It is my misfortune of those enemies Any one that Baldwin and the whole of the I saw that upon me. I saw under the fiction of vengeance on individual to poses, and to from me sent you. They were assailing District, and the first of he deserter of n because I was posed to me, before conviction was because their little brother was because wrong, that the freedom of the subject