

# ASSOCIATION.



It is with infinite concern, we, whose names, are hereunto subscribed, have perceived the efforts practised by the enemies of our Parent state, to disseminate the seeds of discontent, and by falsehood, provoke to disloyalty, subjects, who owe the many and superior blessings they possess, to a generous and fostering Empire. At a time, when designing and wicked men by every ART are endeavouring to seduce the easy and credulous minds of our fellow subjects; when foreign emissaries, or seditious characters, are concealed among us, labouring to detach our affections from our Sovereign and our dearest Interests, our Country and posterity:—when we know that similar endeavours originated in the horrid purposes of destroying every sacred right annexed to social comfort, and that by such arts, at last equally specious, the merciless hand of desolating power has obtained the supreme authority in France: A power usurped by subjects who have murdered a lawful and acknowledged Sovereign; Louis the XVIth, King of France; and in the name of a people, have publicly and formally renounced all religious duties, and the worship of a Deity! A power that has persecuted and destroyed the ministers of the established Roman Catholic Church; has plundered the Temples, and profaned the Holy Affairs of GOD! When we know such effects to have proceeded from the specious purposes of reforming evils, and generating the common good, we feel it the duty of every honest subject to come forth, and exert himself to check the progress and prevent the execution of such baneful designs.

When we consider our happy situation, that we possess a liberal and free constitution, and are supported by a great and beneficent nation, in whose blessings we liberally partake, that we live in the full and undisturbed enjoyment of our Civil and Religious Rights, without the Burthen of oppressive taxes, and the charge of supporting the Government of Society.

When we place these comforts in contrast with the state of the Country, that would seduce us into their miseries, by uniting our strength and possessions to their distresses; when we see that even in the attempt to give such relief, we are to sacrifice our Loyalty, our gratitude, our Religion, our interests, and that of our Posterity, under the delusive search of a liberty, and reform, that in its progress has destroyed, all the blessings of social life, that has profusely wasted the Blood and the Wealth of a great country! A people, now reduced to misery; without Religion, Laws or Government; without safety to persons or property; we sensibly feel the duty of our individual and united exertion against every attempt to disturb the peace and tranquillity of this country;

## AND DO DECLARE,

THAT WE, the Inhabitants of \_\_\_\_\_ in the district of Montreal, are firmly attached to our present Government, to Great Britain, and to His Majesty; and with pure loyalty are gratefully sensible of the comforts we possess, as a part of the British Empire;

THAT WE hold in the utmost abhorrence, the seditious attempts lately made by wicked and designing men, in circulating false, and inflammatory writings; in exciting, by false news, the dread of our fellow subjects against the Powers of our Government, and the Laws;

THAT WE will jointly and individually, use our utmost endeavors to maintain our present Constitution; To give the executive government a vigorous and effectual support; to counteract the efforts of seditious men; to detect and bring them to legal and exemplary punishment; to suppress the beginnings of all tumults, and every exertion that may be made, on whatever pretence, to disturb the public tranquillity:

AND WE DECLARE our determination, steadfastly to take all such steps for those Loyal purposes, as are or may be within our power, for the maintenance of the Laws and the support of the Government under which we happily live.

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