

“in all constitutional measures calculated to promote the mutual interests of these Colonies.”

Under this authority alone Mr. Papineau wrote his letter.

Mr. Papineau not authorised to insult the Government or Assembly of this Province

Mr. Papineau alone responsible for this violation of courtesy and decorum.

The whole tenor of this letter is such, that it would have been passed over in silent contempt, had it not been found on the Journals of the House

The late period of the Session at which it was reported, alone, prevented that consideration of the letter which would have prevented the Journals from being disgraced by its appearance on them.

It is under the authority of this latter clause that Mr. Papineau has assumed to write this Letter, which, in addition to a lengthened commentary on the Resolutions, contains some expressions to which your Committee beg to draw the attention of your Honorable House.—In reference to one of the Imperial Statutes, imposing certain duties, Mr. Papineau remarks—“It is true that the Government of Upper Canada induced “a *bribed* or unwary Parliament to petition for the “revival and continuation of those taxes.” Your Committee find nothing in the Resolutions giving authority to Mr. Papineau to use language insulting to the Government of this Colony, or to a former House of Assembly : nor do they believe that the House of Assembly of Lower ever designed such an unwarrantable and indecent course should be followed. For this violation of decorum, and of the courtesy due from one Legislature to another, Mr. Papineau stands solely responsible ; but your Committee think it beneath the dignity of your Honorable House to take further notice of so base and unfounded a calumny. The tenor of the whole letter is, in the opinion of your Committee, of a purely rebellious character ; and the sentiments of the writer will find nothing but execration from the inhabitants of this Province. It carries its antidote in itself, and is so utterly revolting to a loyal and well disposed mind, that while deserving of every punishment, it requires no confutation, and would have been passed over by your Committee in silent contempt, without even this brief notice, if it were not to be found on the Journals of your Honorable House. The late period of the past Session when it was laid on the table of the House—two months after the Resolutions were adopted, and rather more than one month after the date of the Letter—prevented the late House of Assembly from taking the sub-