

this circumstance, we anticipate, in a short time, the total suppression, by mob-law, of every free Press in Upper Canada; for, where is the corrupt tool of power, who would not contribute *ten, twenty, or thirty dollars*, to suppress a machine that is his chief terror, particularly when he can command by his single nod, the services of a set of bullies among his relatives and dependants? £625 are paid for the destruction of one free Press out of *three* in Upper Canada, by subscriptions at *ten dollars* each! therefore, it will only require two other salaries from the official "Press Gang," one in York, and the other in Kingston, at *ten dollars* each, to suppress every thing in the shape of a free Press in Upper Canada!!! With these facts before us, is it not wonderful that this system has not long since been acted upon, when nothing is so much to be dreaded by the Agents of corruption as a FREE PRESS? Were it not for a free Press, the ministerial party in the House of Assembly of this Colony, instead of a miserable minority of *ten*, would command a sweeping and overwhelming majority. Had such been the case, £3,000, in a service of plate, would long since have been laid on the table of Sir Peregrine Maitland, as was the case with Governor Gore, and another permanent *private service fund* of £2,500 a year, voted to grease the hands of old, faithful and *bidable* servants, all at the expense of the people of this Province—were it not for the Press, Judge Hagerman would be a Member of our Assembly, and would have voted to his friend the Attorney General *three thousand pounds* last year, for going to London, on Executive business, (as he did some two or three years ago, instead of the £555 that he received—where it not for the Press, the early American settlers, who tamed the rudeness of the forest, & made it "blossom like the rose," would not only long since have been disfranchised and turned out of office, on the call of *Catharus*, to make room for himself and his friends, but probably robbed of their property, the reward of the toil and hardships of many years—were it not for the Press, gangs of official desperadoes, might range the streets of York, meditating vengeance against the persons and property of their fellow subjects, and *put their threats in execution*, without ever being presented by a Grand Jury, or indicted by a Crown Officer—were it not, in fact, for the Press, a few agents of power might sit in secret conclave, form schemes for their own aggrandizement, and the oppression of their fellow subjects, and put their plans into practice, to the ruin of the Country, without the people being able to know from whom or whence originated their misfortunes. Is there, then, a hungry fawning expectant about the halls of power—is there a sleek aspiring incumbent of office who would grudge to pay the paltry sum of *thirty dollars*, to get rid of such an incumbrance? We believe not.—But should the desperadoes choose to economise, by coming an hour or two later, with a little lampblack on their faces, to save the *thirty dollars*; what remedy is there to be obtained in *Little York*; where the sum of £625 can be raised in a few hours among the natural Conservators of the peace, at *ten dollars* each, (except a few heads of departments, who are said to have contributed one hundred dollars each) to defray the expense of a flagrant noon-day outrage?

Such remarks as these, added to a hint that Sir P. Maitland's name was at the head of the subscription list, produced from Colonel Fitzgibbon the following very remarkable avowal.

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