

# THOUGHTS, &c.

## A LETTER.

— HITCHINGS, Esq.

SIR,—A few days ago I observed in the *Montreal Gazette* of the 12th instant, copied from the *Toronto Patriot*, the following letter of your friend Dr. DUNLOP, with an admiring panegyric by the first-named journal, recommending it to the attentive and good-tempered perusal of the *advocates* of Responsible Government, as containing much forcible and sound constitutional doctrine, conveyed in the Doctor's usual candid and straight-forward style. Having followed this advice, and formed an opinion of the production very different from that of the *Gazette*, and of its subject somewhat different from that of your friend, though a stranger both to yourself and the Doctor, I take the liberty to address to you this letter. Besides a review of that of your friend, it will be found to contain my thoughts on some other matters of great importance besides the subject of your enquiry, equally perhaps, and now especially interesting, as being connected with the projected Union of the Provinces.

GAWBRAID, Sept. 25, 1839.

MY DEAR HITCHINGS,—You ask me what is my opinion of Responsible Government. I will tell you in a few words—I look upon it as a *trap, set by knaves, to catch fools*. To which of these classes the Laird of Woodhill, who is at the head of the Upper Canada Chartists—or you, who have judiciously appended yourself to their tail, belong, I own has puzzled me. With you, as a lawyer, the thing is not so bad, as great allowance is made for you folks in the law, for making wrong right—but for him who is only a Barrister, and who never was accused of being a lawyer, I have no excuse—for, even in walking the boards of the Parliament House, he might have met with some Bartoline Saddletree, to have informed him, that spouting sedition to a rascally rabble, in the spirit, and nearly in the words of his friend, Mackenzie, was not *secundum Erskine, Dalrymple, or M'Laurin*. “It is our right, and we must and *will* have it,” means, being translated into English, “if they won't give it you, take it by force.”