

uable and has just come in good season to set the most authentic and surest of all seals to the wisdom of those who have contended for the Independence of our Colonial Church, and have resolved to achieve it at any price. There is no unambiguous intimation here, no uncertain sound, in *the warning or almost threat* held out, that the connexion with the Parent Church shall no longer be suffered to be purely nominal. Let the Canadian Church once bow her neck to the yoke, now for the first time sought to be imposed upon her, let her suffer herself to be saddled, bridled, and mounted, she will soon prove to her cost, like the steed in the Fable of Esop, that the rider will laugh to scorn all her claims of liberty, and will mock at all her remonstrances.

The most wise and liberal measure that was ever brought before the Legislature of Canada, namely the Reformation of our Universities, which together with the Temporalities Bill were *pet measures* of the adhesionist party, are here coupled together, and both most pitilessly condemned and anathematised as Rebellion and insult to the Majesty of the Paramount Church !

An effort, it is understood, is to be made, or rather is now being made, in the Colonial Legislature of Canada, to procure the incorporation of the Presbyterian ministers—heretofore connected with the Scottish establishment—as a separate Presbyterian Church, adhering simply to Westminster standards, and to the Presbyterian form of worship, and the vesting in them of the property endowments, and interest in the Clergy Reserve's Fund, now secured by law to the recognized branch of the Church of Scotland there. Such a measure the Committee will, with the approbation of the General Assembly, steadily resist as a gross invasion of our Church Rights, and of those of her faithful and adhering brethren and children in that colony ; and if such an act should pass the local legislature, they contemplate using every means in their power to have it disallowed by the Government at home. At the same time, the Committee cannot recommend to the Assembly to comply with the request of some of their transatlantic brethren, by assuming a direct appellate jurisdiction over the Colonial Churches. The Assembly has formerly distinctly declined this, and the Com-