

blic men, and stultifying the acts of their predecessors, to a high-minded and impartial discharge of their duty, irrespective of every influence and consideration, save the dictates of justice and the honor of their country.

Remember the golden rule ! The non-observance of it now will entail endless difficulties upon the country and its well wishers. Should your decision be adverse to right, the lesson will be recorded in indelible characters in the history of your proceedings. In the face of such an example, and after such a disastrous issue to a meritorious struggle for the maintenance of your rights, what man among you, or in all the Province beside, will have the hardihood to take the helm of affairs ! The destinies of your country may be hereafter assailed, in perilous times, by political adventurers clothed with imperial authority, and the utmost fortitude of which human nature is capable, may be put to the test to enable public men to stand in the breach, in order to frustrate the designs of tyranny.—Let the page of history which recites the deeds of the Legislative Assembly of Canada, for the present eventful session, furnish an example that the public men who did not swerve from their duty to the country, were not forgotten nor contemned in the hour of trial, and that the eternal dictates of right and justice were not permitted to succumb to selfish considerations of human expediency, or the pressure of political intrigue.

It is impossible now to foresee at what period of the session, or in what shape you will be called upon to inscribe that vote upon the Journals of the House which will record your finding upon the points now submitted to you. But come it must,—and your judgment must inevitably be that the late Ministers,—having been justified in your eyes, *must be upheld in their constitutional stand, and your confidence withheld from those who have accepted office in their stead, of whatever party in politics ;* and every man among you must then be prepared