

Speech. We have not sought the occasion ; it has been offered to us ; nay, we have been compelled to this step, by the attempt to destroy us in the opinion of the public and in that of our Constituents. That public opinion is in itself a power to which the greatest functionaries are amenable in all cases, even when the Laws, in their ordinary course, cannot reach them. Those who appeal to it against us are not above its reach ; in the present cause, we respect it without fearing it.

I. J. PAPINEAU,
HUGHES HENEY,
J. LESLIE,
JOSEPH VALOIS,

JOSEPH PERRAULT,
AUSTIN CUVILLIER,
J. M. RAYMOND,
F. A. QUESNEL.

PUBLIC MEETING AT St. HYACINTHE.

At a meeting of the principal inhabitants of St. Hyacinthe held on the 12th Apr^l, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Joseph Bistodeau preside in the chair:

Resolved,—That the conduct of the House of Assembly composed of the Representatives of this Province always firm and constant in maintaining our privileges, has produced in the heart of every good Canadian sentiments of gratitude which never will be effaced.

Resolved,—That the House by declaring that it would grant supplies only in the manner provided by the act of 1825, has proved to our entire satisfaction that, although always disposed to grant supplies necessary for the support of the Government it would never cease to protect the rights of the people of Canada.

Resolved,—That among the numerous Bills which received their origin in the House of Assembly during the last session, there were many which the situation of the country for many years imperiously required, and that the Province has been deprived of the valuable benefits which these bills would produce, by the sudden and unexpected prorogation of the Provincial Parliament.

Resolved,—That the province and especially the country parts which were so lately calculating the knowledge and happiness that the inhabitants would have acquired by the liberal grant of the Representatives for the purpose of promoting education, have been cruelly disappointed in their expectation that so necessary a Bill would meet with no obstacles.

Resolved,—That we have seen with surprise the House of Assembly of this Province seriously accused in the speech of his Excellency the Governor in Chief of having failed in its duty to its country.

Resolved,—That although we have the greatest respect for every thing that emanates from superior authority, it is impossible for us to cease reposing confidence the most entire in a body composed of Canadians, attached to the happiness of the country by the closest ties and whose patriotism has been so eminently distinguished on many occasions, but particularly during the short continuance of the late session.

Resolved,—That the foregoing resolutions be published.

By order of the Meeting.

J. L. FORLIER, Secretary.

ERRATUM.

In page 27, 9th line, the word "constitutional" has in a few impressions only, been unaccountably reversed.