

heard a man exclaim in a ruffianly manner. "I'll see whether any damned rascal shall hold a private meeting in Sydenham." On enquiry who this person was I was told he was a Magistrate!!! And that very person was chairman of the Orange meeting, and in direct violation of the law neglected reading the Magistrate's notice, which he was required to do by the Act. Finding myself in the power of a mob of ruffians who, as I know by experience literally thirst for my blood, I determined to take the earliest opportunity of leaving the place of meeting, as I know perfectly well that a riot would soon be got up, and that in the confusion Mr. Thibodo and myself would be marked men. I accordingly took my departure, went to another tavern, and soon after addressed a few remarks to our friends who were present—I promised that as I had been deprived of the opportunity of addressing them at this meeting, I would get all the substance of what I had intended saying, printed and circulated among them extensively. I do not think, gentlemen, after all that our Orange opponents have much to plume themselves on. Messrs. Smith and Gowan might have made speeches to their brethren any evening at their lodge rooms in Kingston. As far as the government is concerned it has already had the benefit of one great Orange demonstration for the County of Frontenac, viz, at Waterloo. Another will not help it much.* The laws of the land have been openly violated, and by persons connected with the government, but in my opinion we ought to congratulate ourselves that the sincerity of the declarations of the present administration against Orangeism will now be tested. We shall see whether the Magistrate that I have alluded to will be dismissed, whether the Deputy Sheriff and Inspector will meet the same punishment. I have felt it my duty to bring the whole affair under the notice of the government, and I pledge myself to you, gentlemen, that if I live until Parliament meets, Messrs. Viger and Daly shall be held responsible for this gross outrage perpetrated by their Orange supporters. You now understand gentlemen, my reasons for addressing you in this manner. The first advice I would give you, is to be united among yourselves. No political object can be accomplished except by means of party combinations, and although it is the fashion with many to decry party, I have no hesitation in avowing myself to be a decided party man. I belong to a party whose objects are to secure the peace and prosperity of the Country, and the maintenance of the connection so happily subsisting between this Colony and the parent State. The effect of the policy of our opponents, as I firmly believe would be to endanger British connection, and to disturb the peace of the Country. When, gentlemen such important results are likely to follow the adoption of a particular line of policy, it becomes the duty of every man to join that party whose objects he believes to be most beneficial to his country. Nothing can be accomplished except by means of party, and I therefore repeat, you ought to be united among your-

* The accounts given of the late meeting in the Tory papers, show clearly that it was almost exclusively composed of the opponents of the late Ministry. I can only say for myself, that until the Orangemen abandon their ruffianly proceedings at public meetings, I will not consent to discuss political topics in their presence. I never proposed meeting them, and I abandoned the ground to them at Sydenham, just as I would deliver my purse to a high-wayman who had a pistol pointed at my heart.

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