

province, and made himself active in the fulfilment of the requisitions of the government, would meet with applause and not reproach. How dare they conduct in this way, if they were not like mad men, they would think of their families, and the peaceful enjoyment of their property. But property obtained in a way as they have done theirs, cannot afford them any enjoyment. It is like stolen goods, the more they have, the more unhappy, and always afraid of meeting the right owner, thinking that he will challenge his right. They must know that if they should loose their property in the *Canadas* that the curse will light on themselves, without any blessing unless it should be that of being sent to *Botany Bay*. Their Royal master cannot do any better for them—they wish to hold the whole country and make every person stand in awe. I speak without dread or fear—I see no cause to fear—truth is my guide and by it will I defend myself. I hope that I am possessed of sentiment and moderation sufficient, that I shall not be blinded and not see my own errors. Who among them will dare to say that I exaggerate; there are many things that cannot be over done by language, and this is one. When I took my pen to begin this work, I thought to have comprehended the whole in a few pages, but I find it would take volumes to explain the plans and proceedings in that country which have taken place.

I declare before my God and the world that not one single thought of this publication, ever entered my mind till within twelve months past. But seeing the iniquitous proceedings of your rulers, I became pressed to unfold such of their conduct as I knew to be unjust, but not having had access to the several offices I cannot give the day and date of every particular point, although I am in possession of