

men trouble the waters of social and political harmony ; and often cover their surface with the wreck of all that is lovely, and virtuous, and of good report. Now—To remove these insidious breakers, and subdue these stormy winds, force—physical force, is the only apparatus that can be successfully employed ; and hence arises the expediency, if not the necessity, for maintaining standing armies. If these were but the gaudy appendages of the state, their dress, appurtenances, and evolutions, would be but so many parts of a national pantomime ; and if they are intended to reflect the glory of the Commonwealth, that might be attained by a more rational process, and at a cheaper rate, by celebrating public *fetes*, or by dramatising those historical incidents which embellish the annals of almost every nation.

We are not an advocate for coercive measures, because the religion we profess teaches us to recognize even in an enemy the face of a brother. No man detests Intolerance or Oligarchy of every kind more than we do ; but there are some men whom no lenity can soften, whom no kindness can propitiate. They mistake every act of indulgence for an expression of fear—every concession you make is requited by a fresh proposition, and when the exorbitant or revolutionary character of their demands forces the authorities to adopt another course, then disaffection grows up into rebellion ; the war whoop of sedition is sounded through the land ; and they that should cherish and support the Government, conspire to subvert and destroy it. Out of these causes, my Brethren, as from a root, sprung that species of military force, of which you form so