

cause he is a Scotchman, look upon him as an oracle; the party further consists of such men as himself, uneducated Scotch adventurers, who have come to this country, with no affection for any thing but themselves, no knowledge but that two and two make four, and no patriotism beyond a blind prejudice in favour of plaids and bagpipes; who, in the words of the old Roman poet,

——— domari

*Ut possint, servare volunt—*

"are slaves themselves, in order to lord it over others." Such men form "his party;" and though many well meaning, and a few intelligent, men, have been dazzled or seduced by them, and their arts, and have thus swelled the ranks of the unionists, the party, the nucleus, the centre, round which they rally, consists in a caballing junto of such men as I have described.

I would call the attention of the public, to the militia-order, issued by order of Lord Dalhousie, for rendering effectual the returns requested to be made to His Excellency, by the clergy of the province, of the population in their parishes, townships, or cures.

The House of Assembly of the province, have repeatedly passed bills for taking the numbers of the people, as a necessary preliminary step to regulate the representation; which bills have always been rejected by the legislative council.

Now, is the enumeration of the people a matter that requires a legislative enactment, or is it one appertaining to the Executive alone?

If the former, the Governor is acting unconstitutionally in endeavouring to procure such returns, without being authorised to do so, by the legislature: if the latter, the bills passed by the assembly, for that purpose, were needless, and infringing upon the prerogative.

I am inclined to believe that it is part of the prerogative of the crown; since the constitution reserves to His Majesty, the right of parcelling the country out into such districts and counties, as he thinks proper; and it is a maxim both in politics and law, that he who has a right to any thing, has also a right to the means for obtaining it.

But if not, although it is an abstract question of privilege, and a measure, in the propriety of which I think all parties would concur; it will be proper in the assembly to object against it, as an encroachment upon their powers. *Obsta principis*, is a sound political maxim, and at this eventful period, a decided stand ought to be made in the very outworks, to oppose the introduction of that arbitrary government, which the Scotch faction, so anxiously desire to see established in Canada. L. L. M.