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PETITION OF THE CONVENTION.

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INTRODUCTION.

The revolutionists of Lower Canada display a most praiseworthy degree of industry. As a supplement to ninety-two resolutions, which were too long even to be read by men of ordinary patience, they prepared a long and laborious petition to the House of Commons, and republished that respectful and temperate document in London with critical and explanatory notes. Their unwearied perseverance is worthy of a better cause.

Their want of tact, however, sometimes neutralizes their perseverance. Had they confined themselves to simple and pathetic statements of grievances, real or imaginary, they could not have failed to interest in their favour credulous, kind-hearted John Bull; but, by mingling threats with complaints, they have forfeited the sympathy, and roused the indignation of all parties. Liberality has not yet made such progress, as to enable Britons to listen patiently to the menaces of Frenchmen.

As the indiscretion of the patriots has roused such