

trate such an outrage on the rights of the people. We consider these irregular and insulting appointments an act of tyranny, and an earnest of the kind of respect that would be paid to the wishes and feelings of Nova Scotia, were they weak enough to suffer themselves to be defrauded of their constitutional rights, forced into an unjust Confederation, and subjected to the oligarchical despotism of an irresponsible Executive Council in Canada.

It is our desire that the new Administration shall immediately communicate, to the Imperial authorities, the facts and details of this offensive proceeding, and respectfully demand its reversal, and the dismissal from the Council, of men, who have obviously been selected for the express purpose of obstructing the People's House, in their efforts to reject Confederation, by creating discord between the upper and lower branches of the Legislature.

We in no way impeach the prudence or patriotism of the Members elect in having resolved to attend in the Dominion Parliament; but while we have confidence that they will not designedly compromise the rights of the people of Nova Scotia, we nevertheless feel bound to protest against their acceptance of their seats, or any action they may take, in that Legislature, being in any manner construed into an acquiescence, on the part of this Province, in the obligatory force of the BRITISH NORTH AMERICA ACT, as regards the rights of the people.

In conclusion we recommend the Executive Council to advise an early meeting of the Legislature, in order that no time may be lost in disposing of Confederation, and restoring the constitution of the Province to its former efficiency.

By order of the meeting.

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## HALIFAX COUNTY.

### MEETING IN TOWN OF DARTMOUTH.

On Friday evening, Dec. 27, 1867, a very large gathering was held at the Mechanics' Institute, Dartmouth, in accordance with the notice given by N. Russell, Esq., in response to a requisition of the inhabitants of that town, who desired to express their views on the great question of Repeal. Shortly after seven o'clock Mr. Russell called the meeting to order, and stated briefly its objects. Jos. H. Weeks, Esq., was chosen Secretary.

Alexander James, Esq., moved the first resolution, which runs as follows:—

*"Resolved,* That we, the electors and others, residents and taxpayers in this district, opposed to a Union with Canada, feeling deeply aggrieved by the oppressive and injurious Act of Union, inasmuch as we are made thereby the victims of an intolerable and ruinous taxation, hereby resolve to use all peaceable and lawful means to obtain a repeal of the aforesaid most obnoxious enactment."