

people's representatives, a violation of British principle, alarming and distressing to us in the highest degree.

Fifthly — Because this project would give an invidious, and, in our minds, an unconstitutional controul to us over the equal rights of our fellow-subjects in Lower Canada; whose rights being as dear to them as our rights are to us, we should grieve to see impaired, against their wishes and consent

Sixthly. — Because by this project is proposed the removal of our legislation without the bounds of the province, which must, in effect, deprive us of the benefits of a legislature altogether, in the present state of the province, as few representatives could be found able to afford the time and expence of attending their duty at such a distance, of consequence candidates would be few, and our elective choice would be injuriously abridged; at such a distance, we should be wholly estranged from our representatives, and they from us; no interchange of sentiment, to any useful extent; little communication of our wants or wishes — petition would be almost impracticable, — enquiry impossible — no documents within reach, no records for reference, — questions asked, but no one to give an answer, — the Executive Officers at York, and the Legislature at Quebec. All must end in confusion, disgust, and fatigue. Need we add, as further causes of alarm, the extension of Parliament to quinquennial, the extension of qualification of our representatives, measures solely calculated to abridge our right, and add to the means of executive influence, of which your petitioners can assure your honourable House, there is no deficiency in this province.

All which is with great deference humbly submitted, and your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

York, Upper Canada, 10th October, 1822.

The attempts made by persons in authority, to throw impediments in the way of the circulation of the SCRIBBLER, by which the liberty of the press is infringed, now form an object of public interest, a question for freemen to discuss. a proper subject for the pages of the FREE PRESS in which, therefore, the following letter finds a place, as will whatever else may require to be said on the subject.

"On the contrary in the modern world, and particularly in Europe, great nations, having allied themselves by a sort of universal language, the firm of opinion has been placed upon a broad basis: we have seen agreement in thinking, and concord in acting. In fine, that sacred art, that memorable gift of celestial genius, THE PRESS, furnished a means of communicating, of diffusing, at one instant, any idea to millions of the species."

VOLNEY'S Ruins *

* I regret I have not the original of the work here quoted, at