

silent, like the harpies mentioned by the Roman poet, poisoning every thing they touch, have done more injury to the country than a whole host of barbarians would have been able to do, and who have succeeded in obtaining for themselves and their favourites all the places of lucre and advantage that are to be given away in this country, these, I say, are not the men to whom the colony can look up for protection. Taught, from their very cradles, to despise the men over whom they now reign with despotic sway, they have, upon all occasions, with pleasure and zeal, slandered the inhabitants of the country. They who, if Canada were this day ceded to the United States, would advocate the cause of rebellious America with as much zeal and acrimony as they now do that of the mother country, are the men in whom implicit confidence is placed. Their opinions are received as coming from the oracles of Canada, and whatever sentiments they are mean enough to attribute to its inhabitants, serve to ground the proceedings of the British Parliament.

Since the memorable period of 1810, have these men been attempting to enslave the colony. No calumny has been too foul, no representations too mean, no steps too daring, to achieve what, in the fulness of their malice, they have conceived the plan of. Calumniating the intentions of the best of sovereigns, these men have, with unrivalled impudence and audacity, misrepresented the motives and actions of the mother country, and if the affections of this colony have not long ere this been alienated from the parent state, they have not to reproach themselves with not having pursued their best endeavours that it should be so.

The history of our civil list fully justifies my assertions. They began by demanding one thing as soon as that is granted, another demand of a most extraordinary nature is set up. The Assembly of the Province is to be made a mere tool of, threatened, in case of disobedience, with the total annihilation of its power. It seems sir, they have at length obtained all they could expect. Their ambition is fully gratified, and, (if man can exult in such a triumph,) they may now boast of having reduced to subjection a whole nation composed of much nobler and better beings than themselves.

Far be it from me, sir, to deny the power of the British Parliament over the British colonies in North America. I cheerfully acknowledge its imperial character, in which, to use the words of Mr Burke, as from the throne of heaven, it superintends all the several inferior legislatures, and guides and controuls them all without *annihilating* any. It is not this authority I call in question, but the truth of some strange reports that have of late circulated throughout this city.

We are told the two provinces are to be united, our mun-