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Scriptur ad innum.

Qualis ab initio processerit et ab initio. HORACE.

Preserve the character, with which you set out, and be consistent to the last.

In resuming the publication of the Free Press, after a lapse of nearly ten months, it behoves me to make an apology to my subscribers and the public for the protracted suspension of the work. My removal from Burlington in Vermont to Rouse's Point in the state of New York, was announced in No. 46, published in August last; at which time I calculated upon having my printing office in operation, and matters so far forward, as to be able to resume the Free Press, in a few weeks. Circumstances, as uncontrollable by me, in themselves, as injurious to my pecuniary interests, concurred to defeat that expectation; and the difficulties attendant upon the establishment of an entirely new concern, with very limited means, in a spot, which, though convenient as to communication with Montreal, is, in a measure, remote, secluded, and yet scarcely populated, have necessarily compelled such unremitting exertion and attention to the mechanical part of the business, that my intellectual labours have been, hitherto, unavoidably confined to preparing matter for the Scribbler and the Harbinger. (See advertisement in last number.) productions, both which pay a profit, which the Free Press has not yet done; and consequently, in my situation, demanding preferent attention. Matters are now, however, gradually assuming a settled aspect, and I purpose to continue the Free Press, at least until the 52 numbers are completed; which will form a volume, and thus fulfil my engagement to the subscribers. I will endeavour to issue a number weekly, but can not positively promise to do so, until those 52 numbers are finished. If sufficient encouragement appears, I will continue the work, upon such other footing, as I may then consider advisable.

Looking over my last numbers, I perceive, there are two subjects announced "to be continued," namely,

Abstract of parliamentary proceedings of Lower Canada,

and

The Kingston bank bill, and matters relative thereto.

As the first would now be nothing more than an historical