

**MEDICAL TOLERATION.**

With *immediate action* for our watch-word, it is not yet too late to save ourselves from the horrors of a medical inquisition. Let every friend of Medical Toleration into whose hands this journal may fall, take the following petition if he cannot speedily procure a better, and get it signed by as many as possible in the short period of one week—one week, and one week only, as longer time may prove fatal to our cause. On one week, then, get a thousand to sign the petition if possible, but if you obtain no more than ten names to your petition, send it out to your representative on the sixth day of your labors, requesting him to present it on the first suitable occasion.

And now let us all act together in this matter, that those members of Parliament friendly to our cause may have confidence to defend it and not be left to fight our battles unsupported by their constituents.

The Petition of the Undersigned Freeholders and others of Upper Canada.

To The Honorable, The Commons  
House of Assembly of the Province of  
Canada, in Parliament Assembled.

**MOST RESPECTFULLY SHEW-  
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That your petitioners have lately learned with deep regret, that a Medical Bill will be presented for enactment at the present session of Parliament, similar to that passed in 1839, and which our Gracious Queen *refused* to sanction, thus performing an act of mercy and benevolence, for which your petitioners will ever revere the illustrious name of Victoria.

That your Honorable House may be equally moved to mercy, your petitioners, in the depths of sincerity, yet with profound respect, crave

your especial attention to the fact, that the bill in question provides, like that of 1839, for collecting a fine of Five Pounds together with costs, for EVERY day on which ANY individual may be found administering medicine, without a license from the members of the particular medical sect to be benefitted by the present bill: Which bill doth also further provide, that any such person convicted of administering medicine, may be thrown into the common Jail for three months, unless the fine, and costs are *sooner* paid!

Your petitioners, knowing, that the enactment of such a law would subject thousands of the most worthy and deserving, to cruel and vexatious prosecutions; hundreds of them would account imprisonment, in such a cause, *an honor* and glory in it; and that thus excitements would be produced which could not fail to unsettle the very foundations of society. Apart, then, from the fearful injustice to be inflicted on the convicted parties themselves—your petitioners earnestly pray your Honorable House, to leave every man as fully at liberty to seek the cure and health of his body, as he now is in attending to the cure and health of its immortal inhabitant; by rejecting from this bill and from all others, every provision which renders, or which would render, Medical Toleration less free and unfettered than the liberty which we now enjoy under our GLORIOUS CHARTER OF RELIGIOUS TOLERATION.

Humbly, And Most Respectfully  
Submitted, By Your Memorialists.

**"LEAVE RELIGION TO THE  
PRIEST AND PHYSIC TO  
THE DOCTOR!"**

How intimately connected with the happiness of the human family is