

man as heretofore,) and of his Holiness the Pope (*this seems a very needless interpolation,*) by placing them under the influence of the Governor, (*true, and thereby departing, not only from the rule of church-discipline, adopted in the Romish persuasion, but acting essentially in opposition to the principles of ecclesiastical government in England,*) That Mr. R—— (*Richardson*) may become our governor (*God forbid!*) and if Mr. R—— held the keys of St. Peter, could any one in his senses believe that he would let the Canadians into paradise? (*a figurative, but most forcible and just illustration of the vile and selfish principles that actuate the party;*) &c. &c.

The patrons of the Gazette, were no doubt, exceedingly scandalised, to see so many truths printed in a paper devoted to very different purposes; but what do they say to the letter which the York Observer has printed? and which, not having seen republished in any Lower Canada paper,* and considering it ought to be, I now proceed with.

Montreal, 24th Oct. 1822.

DEAR SIR,

Much depends on your exertions, on the question of the union. If you and other friends do not exert your interest and influence in the Upper Province, we must become the laughing-stock, and a bye-word, for the constitutionalists, as the pit we have dug for them, is yawning to receive ourselves.

In proceeding, you must recollect that our ulterior object, is the overthrow of the present constitution. The union itself, is a secondary consideration: for to unite the provinces under the principles of the 31 Geo. III (one of the worst acts of Pitt's administration) would be felt by us and all those TRUE LOYALISTS, who are anxious to create places, and secure them for their families, as a calamity of a most terrible description.

You know the present constitution is not at all suited to the country. Under it the lower house can never become a well constructed instrument of individual advancement, but will remain a faithful organ of public feeling; you must therefore feel as great an interest in opposing the union under the existing act,

* I was misled in my last, by the circumstance of the Montreal Herald of the 16th ult. having been neglected to be forwarded to me, to suppose that Mr. Dalton's speech at Kingston had remained unnoticed in the Lower Canada papers; there were, however, many points in it well worthy of repetition, and I therefore do not regret its insertion. In same manner neither shall I regret having here copied the above letter from the York Observer, should I even afterwards find that it has re-appeared in Montreal.