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PROPOSED MEDICAL INQUISITION.

That none may be able to charge us with presenting a garbled statement of the "Proposed Act of Incorporation of the Medical Practitioners of Upper Canada," we have determined to publish the whole as follows; appending such notes as we deem necessary.

AN ACT.

To incorporate the Members of the Medical Profession in Upper Canada, and to regulate the Study and Practice of Physic and Surgery therein.

28th July, 1847.

WHEREAS the laws now in force in Upper Canada, for regulating the Practice of Medicine, Surgery and Midwifery, require amendment; And whereas it is highly desirable that the Medical Profession of Upper Canada (see note 1.)

NOTES.

1. We have examined this bill carefully throughout, and find that all, and every one of its provisions, are for the especial benefit of *one sect only* of the Medical Profession! the egotistical arrogance of which, shines conspicuously in its claiming to be "The Medical Profession of Canada!" Now, while

aforesaid be placed on a more respectable and efficient footing, and that better means should be provided for the conviction and punishment (2.) of

we yield to no man in our admiration of whatever is excellent or good in the principles of this sect, or in the characters of its individual members, we cannot cease to be astonished at the amazing blindness of the supporters of this bill. Do they not see the storm and tempest of a righteous popular indignation, which is now bearing away with the irresistible grasp of the whirlwind, the rashly assumed claims of THE Church, which aimed at giving ecclesiastical law to Canada? Surely they do not see it, or the equally obnoxious claims of this bill, had never been promulgated at this crisis.

2. This is the very marrow of the bill! Oh! how its authors thirst for the disinterested (?) privilege of heaping *finer*, costs and IMPRISONMENTS, on every man, or woman, who, dares to administer medical relief to suffering humanity, without first running to ask, and PAY for their consent!—To understand the means of conviction, and the nature of the punishments sought,