

Regulation of Trade and Commerce ;—Imposition of duties,” (in other words, exclusive power of *taxation, to any extent, and in any and every mode*)—“Borrowing Money, except for merely local purposes ;—Postal Service ;—Regulation of lines of Steamers and other Ships ;—Railways and Canals ;—Militia,—Military and Naval Service and Defence ;—Navigation and Shipping ;—Regulation of Sea Coast and Inland Fisheries ;—Regulation of Currency ;—Banks, and Banking ;—Bills and Notes ;—Interest ;—Marriage and Divorce :—The Criminal Law ;—Rendering *uniform* the laws relative to Property and Civil Rights ;—Immigration, Agriculture ; and generally respecting all matters of a general character, not specially and exclusively reserved for the Local Governments and Legislatures.”

The power to be conceded, as to “*uniformity of laws relative to property and civil rights,*” will authorize the general Parliament, to make our laws concerning those most important subjects, conformable to those of Upper or Lower Canada.

Seriously ponder all these proposed concessions, *free Nova Scotians*, and especially ye who compose our Parliamentary Rulers and Guardians ; and say, if you can *safely and properly* make them, for all time to come, and both as to yourselves and your posterity.

Let us look, next, at the powers reserved, or rather *conceded*, to the local Legislature. The first is that of direct taxation. Legislatures and Governments have a *special partiality* for this species of power, and seldom fail to exercise it *plentifully*. Now, direct taxation is regarded by most persons as a very *odious thing*. At one period of English History, it very nearly cost the Sovereign his *crown and life*. For my own part, I like it best, as being the most *honest*, for in that way, a man knows *for what* he is paying, and the precise amount, in any given *time*. It is so far a *mercy*, that for certain purposes, we shall be *permitted* to tax ourselves ; but this will not save us from the *additional, and great taxation at Ottawa*. We are, further, to be *allowed* to borrow money on our own credit. Probably, it would have been better if that right had been withheld from us, for like our Canadian brethren, we have already been quite extravagant enough in that way. We are, also, to be permitted to appoint and pay our own officers ; and a partial power in subordination to the great authority at Ottawa, to do *something*, but it is not said *what*, regarding our agriculture.