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## GOOD LUCK TO THEM

Twelve Scotch soldiers have left the 93rd regiment, and the service of the bloody she-wolf of Britain, this week: Every effort has been made to retake them in Toronto, but in vain: I honor them. What whole hearted man would serve the vindictive oppressors of his own mother country!!—Mac. Vol.

ROBBERY—A colored man who was employed in sweeping out the State Bank of Indiana, pocketed \$1300 from the vault. He has been locked up.

## DEMOCRACY.

That man has rights, is every where the exclamation, but what are those rights? what their extent? where their limitation? That man has rights, is a fact beyond the limits of a doubt, presupposed in all political ratiocinations is of universal consciousness, and admits of no formal demonstration for it rests on instincts which are broad bursting manifestations of nature. Its true essence is democracy, the last best revelation which sprung up spontaneously with the earliest mightiest outpourings of human thought, and which a despotic influence over the volitions of human will; and is powerfully manifested by an exhibition of the spirit of resistance whenever those spontaneous convictions of right are infringed. Although the fortunes of individuals may change, empires be born and blotted out, kings, tyrants, empires and monarchies rise and fall, royalty, honor, pomp and distinction vanish like the baseless fabric of a dream; yet democracy will survive, and while men last it must live. For its origin is among the necessary relation of things, and will take its exit only when eternal truth and justice shall cease to have place or name. I speak not of that miscel'd democracy which is the misgrowth of party strife, of speculation and fraud, but of that democracy which is based upon the eternal immutable principles of free thought equal rights, and freedom of actions, lives in the light of christianity, whose essence is justice, whose object is human progress, sympathizes with the down trodden and oppressed and rejoices in their elevation. The rights of man belongs to him as of right by his nature, they are not the concessions of despotic power, not the result of accident, or the legislation of anarchy, nor the gift of royalty, nor the concession of purse proud aristocratic clemency; nor does he owe his rights to the results of revolutions or battle, but they are the primary abstract and absolute right of his nature, derived through laws of his being, and pertain to his existence. Out then upon the vile miscreant, who shall urge his superiority over his fellow men, or assign rank, or place, or station among a universal brotherhood. For where ever are seen the upright form, the erect countenance, the manly brow (Image of the Great Creator) there are also the eternal immutable unalienable rights of man! nor can he divest himself of these rights he may delegate his powers to another to be wielded for his benefit, but that trust must sooner or later be resigned—for neither birth, wisdom or wealth, confers on its possessor the exclusive right to think for another, or of legislative control, this belongs in common to the whole, yet the arrogant vanity of the rich, the pretensions of the privileged, the insolence of the unprincipled, the pomposity of the schoolmen, and the inflated conceit of the would be great, stigmatize the multitude as the *lower orders*, the *stupid multitude*, the *wild ferocious herd*, and pass them by with scorn and contempt, but there is in man an eternal principle of progress based upon his inalienable rights, which no power on earth can arrest or resist, it is continually and successfully contending for the extinction of tyranny, for the reform of abuse, the amelioration of government, the destruction of privilege, the establishment of justice, the progress of humanity, and the dignity, elevation, and worth of the individual man.—Wayne Standard.

The McLeod case.—We would request the particular attention of our readers to an extract in our paper to day, from the decision of Judge Cowen on the points of law raised in the case of Alexander McLeod. As an argument we are disposed to regard it as by far the most convincing and able of any to which the present controversy, protracted as it has been, has given rise. It seems to us to exhaust the topic leaving little or nothing to be said on either side, the issue is now fairly made up. We have the positive demand to deliver up the prisoner, and the equally positive refusal.

The Supreme Court has fearlessly done its duty. It has maintained the honor of the State, and asserted the inviolability of her jurisdiction; regardless of threats without and fears within. It has told the world that persons guilty of murder and arson upon our territory cannot escape the penalty of our laws, merely because their government chooses to become a party to the crime.

Since the above was in type, we learn that the Court has ordered the trial of McLeod, to take place in Oneida County in September next.

It is true that the matter has at length been so fixed that the plans of the Tories and British hirelings in this country are sure to defeat the ends of justice—No certainly not, our immaculate courts would ever permit the like.—Wayne Standard.

The following lines contain much truth and are well worthy of attention.

"If there is a tyrant in this country, dominating over the best feeling and principles of our nature, it is Political Prejudice, which wields its destructive power through the heart spreading, crushing, and destroying all those qualities which in private or in public life refine, ennoble, and dignify man, stagnates the free intercourse of social and domestic relationships, and makes moral independence bow in slavish subservience."

**NARROW ESCAPE**—Captain Drew, the rascal who destroyed the caroline, ran a desperate chance, a short time ago, of falling into the hands of the authorities of New York. He was passing on the St Lawrence in a Steam-boat, when the captain of the boat unexpectedly announced his intention of putting into Ogdensburgh, captain Drew remonstrated, and pointed out the consequences which might follow his being arrested in the States, but in vain; in went the steam-boat to Ogdensburgh, but fortunately for Drew's neck, she went out again without its being noised abroad that he was aboard. The Journal of commerce, in noticing the fact, advises the captain to give a "liberal margin" to the combustibles of the northern frontier. If he has a regard for his own safety he will take he advice. If caught, he will certainly be made to pay the penalty of violating the laws of New York.—N. Y Sun

Was it a yankee boat that had that murderer on board? If it was he ought to be treated with the same indignant contempt which Drew merits, yea more he should be put where Drew deserve to be!! An American that will allow the base murderer of his sleeping countrymen to escape when in his power, is but a trifle if any better than the murderer himself!!

**FROM MEXICO**—By arrivals at New Orleans, late and encouraging intelligence from Mexico has come to hand. The principal item is an account of the operations of the Republicans in Tobasco, Chiapas and Oajaca. The cause of free principles, we are happy to learn, is steadily gaining adherents in those states; and there is good ground for believing that not only all the inhabitants of the Peninsula, but those of several other Mexican states, will unite under one federal republican government.

Late accounts from rampico indicate that there was fresh troubles in that department arising from discontents of the people under the tyranny of the central rule. Several contemplated insurrections had been discovered and put down. The garrison was kept on duty nightly to prevent an outbreak. It was rumored that the people of the capital were also disaffected, and preparing for a revolutionary attempt. Santa Anna has been appointed military commandant of Vera cruz.

The Boston Post says it is confidently reported that the keels of 4 or 5 government Steamers are to be laid immediately.