

"them. They must be COMPENSATED; Ministers, he was persuaded, meant to keep *the faith of the nation with them.*"

Lord North. "And now let me, Sir, pause on a part of the treaty which awakens human sensibility in a very irresistible and lamentable degree. I cannot but lament the fate of those unhappy men, who, I conceive, were in general objects of our GRATITUDE and PROTECTION. The Loyalists, from their attachments, surely had some claim on our affection. But what were not the claims of those who, in conformity to their *allegiance, their cheerful OBEDIENCE* to the *voice* of Parliament, their *confidence* in the proclamation of our Generals, invited under every assurance of *military, parliamentary, political and affectionate PROTECTION*, espoused, with the hazard of their lives, and the forfeiture of their properties, the cause of *Great Britain*? I cannot but feel for men *thus sacrificed* for their bravery and principles: men who have sacrificed all the dearest possessions of the human heart. They have *exposed* their lives, *endured* an age of hardships, *deserted* their interests, *forfeited* their possessions, *lost* their connections, and *ruined their families*, in OUR

"CAUSE."

"CAUSE. Could not all this waste of human enjoyment excite one desire of protecting them from that state of misery with which the implacable resentment of the States has desired to punish their loyalty to their Sovereign and their attachment to their mother-country? Had we not espoused their cause from a *principle of affection and gratitude*, we should, at least, have *protected* them, to have preserved our OWN HONOUR. If not tender of their FEELINGS, we should have been tender of our OWN CHARACTER. Never was the *honour*, the *principles*, the *policy* of a nation, so grossly abused as in the desertion of those men, who are now exposed to every punishment that *desertion* and *poverty* can inflict, BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT REBELS."

Lord Mulgrave. "The article respecting the Loyalists, he said, he never could regard but as a lasting monument of *national disgrace*. Nor was this article, in his opinion, more reproachful and derogatory to the *honour and gratitude* of Great Britain than it appeared to be wanton and unnecessary. The Honourable Gentleman who made the motion had asked, if those Gentlemen, who thought the present peace not sufficiently

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