

Meeting of the friends of Ireland Bytown upper Canada

Pursuant to notice the above meeting was held at
Mr Joseph M'Clays Hotel. on Wednesday the 11th Inst.
for the purpose of adopting measures to aid the oppressed
in Ireland.

The Rev. P. Haran was unanimously called
to the Chair and,

James Keays Esq. was requested to act as Secretary.
The Chairman having explained the object of the meeting
observed that he fully appreciated the honor conferred on
him, by the call of so respectable and numerous meeting, as
appeared on the occasion; however lest his appointment
should give the Enemies of the cause any pretext to construe
the proceedings to originate from party feelings, he would
much rather that some other person should be called upon
who with less delicacy could advocate the cause for which
they assembled, that is the cause of humanity, the cause of civil
and religious liberty, the cause for which the Cries of the
world are raised.

The following resolutions were proposed from the
Chair and agreed to.

1st Resolved That tho' the collective voice of sympathy has not been
heard in Bytown until this night, no people could
possess more friendly disposition more lively sentiments of
condolence, more anxiety and heartfelt feeling for the
degradation of our fellow men in Ireland, than we did and
do feel. - Hence we presume to advance as our unqualified
opinion, that the partialities and inequalities of the present
System of Government, are the generating causes of the General
discontent, riots and other disorders that would have never
existed, that the peace of the Country, the welfare and Stability
of the British Empire, would be the consequence and necessary
result of the long protracted restoration of their rights as Christians
and members of Society -

Resolved Upon the above mentioned grounds, we form an association
to be called the Society of the friends of Ireland in Bytown

upper



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