

nights, which it may naturally be concluded they would not be inclined to sleep entirely away? However, I must reserve what I have further to say on this score, till another opportunity; and proceed in my task.

*The Quebec Almanack, and British American Royal Kalendar, for the year 1822. Quebec, by J. Neilson, price 5s. 6d.*

I make mention of this annual publication solely for the purpose of noticing and stigmatizing the unpardonable omission in it of the civil lists of Upper Canada, Nova Scotia, and New-Brunswick, which in all preceding editions have necessarily formed an essential part of the *British American Royal Kalendar*.

*A Letter to a friend in Nova Scotia, relative to Banking-institutions and other joint-stock companies in Canada; by Maurice Mask, Esq. Montreal, printed by James Brown, 1822. 8vo. pp. 34, price, 2s. 6d.*

The author of this pamphlet, who writes under a *Mask*, seems to have a thorough acquaintance with the subject, both as to what relates to the actual manner in which the banks in this place have been conducted, what ought to be the system pursued, and the existing laws relative to such institutions. He justly and warmly condemns the selfish, narrow, and oppressive principles that appear to have actuated the directors of our banks in their dealings and management; nor can it in fact be otherwise, as long as directors of banks are men engaged in exactly the same species of traffic as their customers. Bankers ought never to be considered in any other light than as servants to the public, and ought never to assume any species of dictation. This I know, however, it is scarcely possible to avoid, for the possession and command of money, tho'