

are made use of in the civil proceedings which are at the same time pending; and the withholding of many of them, is the withholding of proofs that ought to be brought forward in support of actions that have, or may be, instituted for certain illegal seizures of property, and other outrages committed in the course of these proceedings.

Wills, settlements, deeds, assignments, bonds, policies of insurance, accounts, receipts, certificates, &c. private correspondence, literary papers, unfinished works, poetry, diaries, journals, have all been swept away as if by an indiscriminating beam; and the interests and feelings of others are as deeply injured as my own. I may be perhaps allowed to say too, with a consciousness of some talent, and of considerable means of observation, that, my literary gleanings for upwards of twenty years thus rent from me, and in "confusion worse confounded," may in some measure be considered as a loss that affects not myself alone; and that a mass of information respecting Canada, which I had assiduously collected, and had hoped to have embodied in a shape fit to present to the British public, will now be consigned to unprofitable oblivion.

Leaving the further analogies and applications that occur in these matters, to your consideration, I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

S. H. WILCOCKE.

Montreal, 19th April, 1821.