

a chimney is burning clear. And I think it is a better and a safer mode, to have scuttles, and ascend to them within the houses, than to have ladders, to make a thoroughfare into houses for active robbers.

With little consideration or regard, to that general good, that a police should secure to the inhabitants of a town, heavy burthens are imposed on the inhabitants of this town, by the magistrates; as though they studied nothing but devising measures to raise money. Heavy taxes, heavy road work, fire buckets, chimney sweeping, and fines, are the order of the day with the magistrates of Kingston. Orders to secure a common good to society, are necessary in every community; but, to draw the inhabitants of this town under the liability to pay a fine on neglect of furnishing fire buckets, besides loading them with a heavy police tax, I am apt to think is rather more than a good order. Poor as I am, and poor as the rented house I live in is, the burthens that have been imposed on me this year, 1827, amount to two pounds, six shillings and two pence, enough to pay as rent for such a house; and I have rented a better house in England at three pounds (English) a year, and had not one fourth the amount in direct burthens imposed on me there that I have here. But why are the inhabitants to be compelled to purchase fire buckets? Is nothing to be done with police taxes but flaging? The flaging of the streets with money, raised under the name of a police tax, as done in this town, and burthening the people with procuring what should be purchased out of that tax, is very ar-