



**TO THE PUBLIC.**

FROM the injurious and unwarrantable remarks which appeared in the Colonial Advocate, and in the Observer, relative to a conversation which took place between Mr. Willis and myself on the 13th June last, I am compelled, in my own justification, to give you a statement of what actually did occur at that time, and to make some remarks upon charges which have been advanced since. To those who know the characters of these two papers, and who know me personally, a statement of the kind, which I am now going to offer, would be quite unnecessary, but to those who are unacquainted with me, and who, perhaps, know little more than the names of the journals I allude to, the following statement may be in some degree useful.

I must add, however, that the Editor of the Canadian Freeman has behaved with more justice on this occasion, in forbearing to state the particulars of the case until he has heard both sides of the question,

Being aware that Mr. James Givins, who Mr. Justice Willis had informed me was to act as his Clerk on the Eastern Circuit, had business to transact in the District of London about the time the Assizes would be held there for the present year, I asked him whether he would not rather prefer accompanying my Father on the Western Circuit, as Clerk of Assize, as I was

