

few of the moving causes. Every Governor, in his turn, manages to play his cards so as to suit himself. He always says, it will last his time; and whatever be the elements of future discord, anarchy or bloodshed, he cares not. He has an object to obtain, some crotchet, some great Gibbon Wakefield-Beauharnois-Canal-Land-Scrip scheme; and necessarily sacrifices the colonists. The latter are therefore prevented from taking that prominent position to which they are of right entitled. The business is taken out of their hands. Then the Governor never can know where the shoe pinches; he never can justly estimate existing evils. If he did, provided they were not of a kind to be noticed by the English press, and in the Imperial Parliament, he need not care. In fine, he may find it convenient to select a few colonial toadies; but with the great body of the colonists he can have no kind of sympathy, and never has any. Should the Courts of Law be all ajar, what need he care? He can't suffer, for the Governor has no law suits; and if he had, existing circumstances would suit him well. He needs no Gascoignes on the Bench—not he. If there should be no subordination—no respect for the sanctity of an oath; if one section of the population should conspire against the rest, so as to ensure the triumph of crime and the conviction of innocence, what need he care? The Governor will never be brought before a criminal tribunal—no, nor any of his family. If men should be pitchforked over their fellows—not merely in spite of their baseness, but because of their baseness and infamy—what need he care? The Governor's interest will never be jeopardized by such men. Indeed, it is quite clear that some Governors might take a malignant pleasure, like the Regent Duke of Orleans, in the exercise of a power by which they are enabled, as if by a magician's wand, to give importance to the most infamous of men at the expense of their betters. An elective Governor, on the contrary, born, educated, living and dying here, aware of every evil, could not be imposed upon by a blatant minister. He would have an interest in improving the social condition of the colony, though he should be old and ready to die, because the interest and happiness of

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