

happened to be standing near M. de Bellestre, replied to him in these words:—‘*On ne pend ras pour si peu de choses en Angleterre,*’ that is, ‘In England men are not hanged for such small offences,’ which words he repeated twice or three times. This provoked M. de Bellestre to such a degree that, after giving the young man much opprobrious language, he at last proceeded to blows, and struck him in the face and pulled him by the nose; upon which the other gave him a blow in the face, which knocked him down. The next day, May 3rd, upon a complaint of M. de Bellestre to three officers of justice of a new kind, called conservators of the peace for the district of Montreal, not of the blow he had received from Franks (for to this he was conscious he had given occasion by striking him first), but of the words pronounced by the latter, ‘that in England people were not hanged for such small offences’—these conservators issued the warrant hereunder following for committing young Franks to prison; and he was accordingly carried thither by a party of soldiers, with bayonets fixed,—and £10,000 bail (this was offered to procure his liberty and be security for his appearance to take his trial for this offence) was refused. And there he continued for a week; at the end of which time, the same conservators of the peace (by direction, as it is supposed, of Governor Carleton) ordered him to be discharged without any bail at all.”

The warrant of commitment is in French:—

“*District of Montreal.*”

“By John Fraser, John Marteilhe, and René Ovide Hertel de Rouville, Esquires, Judges and Conservators of the Peace in the District of Montreal.

“WHEREAS, Francis Mary Picôté de Bellestre, Esquire, has made oath on the holy gospels, that, on Tuesday the second day of this month of May, as he was standing still in the street to hear a proclamation published concerning those wretches who had insulted His Majesty’s bust, he had