

AFFAIRS OF CANADA.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE COLONIAL GAZETTE.

Kingston, 11th December, 1843.

Accounts will reach you by this mail, calculated to make a very false impression with respect to the state of affairs here. It will appear to you that Sir CHARLES METCALFE has entered upon a violent quarrel with the Assembly ; that he has no chance of gaining the victory in this contest with the representatives of the people ; that we have suddenly reverted to the old system of collision between the Executive and the popular branch of the Legislature ; that the Union won't work ; and that the Mother-country has now to determine whether she will alter the Provincial constitution, and rule the Colonists by force, or have done with troublesome Canada for ever. Do not believe a word of it. Nothing more has happened than one of those Ministerial crises or changes of Ministry, which must be frequent under the British Constitution wherever it may be established, and which, all experience tells us, instead of proving fatal to the Constitution itself, are the main cause of its stability : MONTESQUIEU must have had these in view when he spoke of the English King as "*un roi toujours chancelant sur un trône inébranlable.*" Nothing more, I say, has happened than one of those political storms which