

throughout the province, by two justices of the peace, who have cognizance of all debts under half a Joe; there are also district courts every three months, in which a judge presides, and gives trial by a jury of twelve men, in sums not exceeding twenty-four pounds Y. currency, whose judgment is unappealable, and all sums above that, are tried by a jury before the chief justice and two associate judges, who make an annual circuit through the province; from them is an appeal to the governor and council.—The people have it fully in their power to regulate all local matters—which respect their several towns, such as constables, path-masters, and other town officers, in the same manner as formerly in the other colonies, now United States of America.—The militia in the several districts have an annual meeting, and all males from the age of sixteen to forty-five are mustered, except the Friends, Tunkers, and Menonists, and those of that religious description, who are exempted from bearing arms. In short, Sir, it would swell a letter to too great a bulk, to give a more minute account of the local laws that have been already made for the public good, suffice it to say, that with respect to that government and its laws, its administration is conducted with every wish and atten-