

tics, have been already emptied at that useful depot, into bags, bed ticks, pillowcases, boxes, and barrels, and safely conveyed to our shores. This, from the scarcity of the article at Montreal, is really a seasonable supply, and such as is absolutely necessary for the use of the colony. The shiam-yankees on the other side, deserve great praise for their humane attention to our interests; and we trust, in the present state of this colony, when only 200 chests have arrived from England, that no person will blame the venders or consumers in these patriotic provinces, for evading the infamous exactions of the London East India Company. It is, however, to be hoped, that this notice will be sufficient, to cause our enlightened parliament to address the British government upon the necessity of allowing this article to come in through the United States. A duty of 10s. on each chest would put a stop to smuggling, and raise us a revenue of at least £4000.—per annum.

I copy the above article as a text on which to dilate in future.

But an object of more immediate, more home, and more awakening importance, is the failure of the receiver-general of the province at Quebec. The Hon. John Caldwell, or rather the firm of Caldwell and Davidson have stopped payment for, it is said, between £140 and £150,000;—and there is now no money whatever forthcoming to answer any demand for the public service. That this has arisen from the illegal, and unwarranted appropriation of the public money by the executive government, and in defiance of the constitution, and the votes of the legislature, there is no doubt. No person, as far as my knowledge or information goes, could be more strictly honourable, more worthy of the high trust reposed in him, than the receiver-general, a man, I believe, of thorough integrity and virtue; had, however, his firmness been greater, in refusing to obey warrants which he knew to be illegal, and granted upon the sole responsibility of the governor; it would have been better for himself, for the province, and for the British empire; for this long smothered eruption of the volcano, will, if not stopped by an immediate supply from his majesty's exchequer in England, to pacify the irritated minds, and injured purses, of his Canadian subjects, produce a convulsion that must be disastrous, to both, and may be fatal to the power of Great Britain over this province. The warrants, which it is confidently stated, and fully believed, the honourable gentleman has, to account for this enormous deficiency in the public chest, will be sufficient vouchers for his acquittal, but will be trumpet-tongued accusers against the highland and overbearing obstinacy, with which the people's rights, and their constitutional controul over the public purse, have been sought to be trampled on, and annihilated. Space will not allow of further comment till next number.

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