

duties so various, should be a man of extensive knowledge and unimpeachable integrity; and yet, I dare venture to say, that not more than one out of ten of the magistracy in both these Provinces, could calculate from given *data* how many times the earth revolves upon its axis in a week, or could say whether it revolves at all or not. They are equally incapable of advancing a solitary idea on the common principles of justice; and with respect to their veracity, they certainly are not servile imitators of Epaminondas.

It is an extraordinary circumstance, that there are some few persons in almost every district, whose appointment to a commission of the peace would add respectability to the magistracy of the country; and yet they are allowed to continue private characters, notwithstanding the great necessity there is for appointing such men to offices under the government. In the London District, in which I have resided for several years, I know many highly respectable individuals, some of whom are half-pay captains in the British army, whose names were left out of the commission of the peace, or rather not included in it; while many of their neighbours were appointed who would not add to the respectability of a gang of pig-jobbers. The fact is, the members of the executive government seem determined to place in every department, civil as well as military, such men only as, they are confident, will at any time lie down and allow their superiors to walk