

and the country. I would wish to ask the officers of this "Medical Institution," individually and collectively, if this is not the plan over which they have been sitting in consultation so long and so sedulously, and which they are on the point of bringing into birth in all the ugliness of its native deformity.

The law of lord Dorchester regulating the practice of medicine in Canada, is completely set at nought by the very injudicious nomination, generally, of the examiners, whom, I scruple not to say, are swayed from their duty by interest and caprice, and often times by jealousy and malice; and who have always manifested an invincible repugnance to every thing that is Canadian. Young men of six years' study, and much experience, have been repeatedly sent back from the medical boards of Quebec and Montreal, while others, very blockheads, the *apprentices* and *favourites of the examiners*, have been admitted, though they had studied but two years. An instance of this nature very lately occurred at Quebec. A young man who had been two years under one of the gentlemen of the board, (who has more than one official situation connected with his profession,) rather in the capacity of a clerk, vending medicines behind the counter, than as a student, was presented for admittance: and would have slid through well enough; but his medical patron happened at the same time to refuse granting a certificate of capacity to an eleve of one of his brother-examiners; who in return would not sign the other's on that account: hereupon the business was compromised, and both were passed and licensed, the one a two-years old apothecaries shopman, the other, though of longer standing, a mere dunce. Another case among many that could be adduced, is that of an Hibernian: rough and uncultivated as the bogs of his native land, and more conspicuous for characteristic *naïveté* and drunken habits, than for his education and propriety of conduct, yet did he get a certificate of his capacity to practice in *all* the branches of the profession; though the only account he could give of himself was that he had served as lob lolly-boy on board of a man of war, and had assisted in clearing the cockpit after an action. But to enter into particulars would be to disclose a most nauseating scene of injustice: a scene that will be often acted over again, if the legislature does not interfere, and by a wise and more efficient law, better regulate the practice of physic in Canada.

My sole motive for coming in this shape before the public is; to warn our Governor to shun the snares set for him by certain wily men, who, under the broad canopy of pretended humanity, would hide intentions at once unjust, cruel, and oppressive; and all this, chiefly to serve the turns of some needy and restless adventurers from the northern part of the British Isles.

With your permission, Mr. Editor, I will again resume this topic, in a less desultory manner. But, in the interim, to save