

the laws, and in the administration of them by the courts, as no other British province ever before laboured under. The minutes and proceedings of that investigation were transmitted by Lord Dorchester to the King's ministers, in the autumn of the same year, 1787; and we cannot doubt but these papers, from their great importance, have been laid before the crown lawyers. They are too voluminous to admit of publication; we shall, therefore, only take a cursory view of the various matter that is contained in that investigation, and notice a few of the many striking parts of the evidence therein adduced. But we flatter ourselves, that those parts will be sufficient to convince the British nation, of the urgent necessity of a reform of the constitution of that province; of the great cruelty exercised towards the inhabitants thereof, in having kept them so long under such a defective system of laws and government; and of the impolicy of supporting