

Mr. Richardson's house of Forsyth, R. & Co. Now it appears from the Weekly Register of 30th January, (which I had no opportunity before of seeing,) in which the identical letter alluded to is published at length, that it was not one from that house, "although it really came from a gentleman no less eminent in the mercantile world" which, tho' the name is suppressed, we can not but believe to be the case, from the intrinsic evidence afforded by the commercial knowledge and perspicuity with which it is penned. This does away therefore with the charge of "jesuitical evasion," although not with that of inconsistency. But in this, as in all cases, I willingly correct whatever misstatement I may have made, as soon as it comes to my knowledge.

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A very *lengthy*, but verbose and flimsy, article on the political state of Lower Canada, has been continued in several late numbers of the Canadian Times; which, replete as it is with false data, and falser consequences, is moreover, on account of its unfounded abuse, and gratuitous calumnies, against, what the writer calls the dominant Canadian party, not worthy of notice. Nor should I have referred to it, but for the sake of a single line, which relates to a matter I have formerly taken up, and which has not been animadverted on by others. Speaking of the difficulties attendant upon the prosecution of delinquents who are taken up in the Eastern townships, he enumerates among them, the ease with which culprits procure bail, and adds "Nor has the court ever thought proper to prosecute the bail." In No. 10 of the Free Press, I explained the cause why bail-bonds in criminal cases, that become forfeited, are never prosecuted, or prosecutable in any shape, in Canada; and, the evil being a crying one, were it only because the giving bail in any criminal case here, is the merest farce, and tending to excite contempt and ridicule for the administration of justice, I challenged a contradiction of my statement by any gentleman of the bar. That not having taken place, the fact stands recorded *pro confesso*; and since the judges, the crown-officers, the magistrates, and the lawyers all know that in taking bail they are only performing a childish trick to blind the vulgar and the ignorant, the remedy of this evil ought to be made a subject of the earliest consideration.

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In No. 31 I made some remarks on the interference which, it appeared by the advertisement of the Agricultural Society of Montreal, had taken place in their concerns by His Excellency the Governor-in-chief. This matter was also noticed and animadverted on by the Canadian Spectator. In that paper of the 28th May, the editor reads his recantation in the following manner.