

which calls loudly for redress. That is the numerous special juries summoned every term, which I conceive interrupts the justice of the country. If a lawyer wishes to have a trial put off, on the first day of the term he will move for a special jury. A day is then appointed for the trial; and if twelve of the jurors do not attend, he refuses to have it filled up by talismen. By doing this the cause is put off, until another term. Thus an ENDLESS turn of terms pass away without forcing the delinquent to pay what he truly owes. This the poor tradesmen know to their sorrow, disappointment and mortification. If these SPECIAL jurors were better informed than the petit ones; and could administer more conscientious justice, than they do, no complaints would be made. But I will give you a fact, that proves directly to the contrary. In the last Michlemas term a special jury was summoned and sworn to decide in the cause of STEALING and HOFFMAN, a Mr. Fairbanks, who is a magistrate, came twenty miles to be chosen to the honourable trust, as foreman of it. After retiring for a number of hours, this jury returned with a verdict, "If the parties will agree to pay each of them half of the expences, attending this suit, *then* we have come to a decision." This of course could not be recorded. The Judges laughed at their ignorance; the lawyers grumbled at their presumption; and the audience swore at their demerits, insignificance and deceit. This judicial farce ended by one of the jury fainting* when they were all dismissed, to the entire satisfaction of judges, lawyers and audience. Now does not this prove the futility of summoning special juries? Did any petit jury ever offer, or attempt to form such a stupid, disgraceful and ignorant verdict?

I shall now proceed to take into very serious consideration the conduct of one of the legislative branches; I mean His Majesty's Council; and en-

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* Mr. Fairbanks was then at Porter's lake.