

chief jailor of Paris, mounted guard : he was desirous of taking a little fresh air, and a little recreation in the country, and they granted him a day rule to go five miles from Paris. But then recollecting, as it is the quality of the rights of men never to be secure, that this temporary release from imprisonment might afford the means of escape, they surrounded his carriage, commanded him to stop, and one of the grenadiers of his faithful and loyal body guard presented his bayonet to the breast of the fore-horse.—

M. Baker here called *Mr. Burke* to order. He said he had sat many years in parliament, and no man entertained a higher opinion of the integrity and abilities of the right honourable gentleman than he did. His eloquence was great, and his powers on many occasions had been irresistible. His abilities might enable him to involve the House in unnecessary altercation : this, perhaps, the right honourable gentleman might do unwittingly for others, and not to serve any purpose of his own : he himself perhaps might be the unwilling instrument, and might involve the country itself in a contest with another nation : he could not, therefore, sit any longer without calling him to order ; and he should insist upon every person adhering to the question, and that the chairman state what the question before the Committee was. He said that he had no objection, on any occasion, when questions of this sort came properly before the House, fairly and fully, openly and explicitly, to state his opinion. He had called the right honourable gentleman to order, merely for the sake of the House, and for the peace of the country, and he had a right to say, that the right honourable gentleman's conduct was inconsistent with the order of the debate, and the regularity of the proceedings of that House.

The Chairman stated that the question before the Committee was, whether the clauses of the Quebec bill should be read paragraph by paragraph.

Mr. Fox now rose and said that he conceived his right honourable friend could hardly be said to be out of order. It seemed that this was a day-of privilege, when any body might stand up, select his mark, and abuse any government

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