

or understanding blinded by party views, believe, that the public good had any influence upon the course pursued? If he does, I entreat him to ponder upon the present situation of the country, under circumstances of threatened and expected invasion; and then to read with attention the printed proceedings of the assembly, where high sounding and outrageous abuse of the Judges in the guise of accusations is found; but not one solitary proof of corrupt motive or conduct in the accused.

I might safely rest the defence of the Judges upon the shewing of their accusers, as from those printed proceedings it is evident, that the real object of the Rules and Orders was to accelerate justice—protect the people against endless law-suits with enhanced expences—and to discourage appeals for the mere purpose of delay, which had been too prevalent.

The real origin of the proceedings against the Judges, may be traced to the following pure and virtuous source. The leader of the Assembly had been under great obligations to the Chief Justice of the province, but from some unknown cause, a *hatred* against his benefactor commenced, which continued on the increase, until he was removed from the *Solicitor Generalship* by Sir James Craig, when that hatred became deadly and unrelenting, under the pretence, that as the Chief Justice's brother was appointed to *that office*, he must have been the adviser of the removal:—Now the fact is, that the Chief Justice knew nothing of the matter, nor was it offered to his brother, until after it had been refused by a gentleman of the bar at Quebec, now a Judge there. The present