

but the systematic knavery by which that loss was effected. I have repeatedly heard respectable individuals, former residents in the States, declare, that if they might be the owners of freehold estates, or the condition only of living there, they would undecisively decline the offer. A parting word on its advantages to those not natives: a respectable tradesman in the capital of Upper Canada, under an infatuated hallucination, disposed of a good business, and repaired to America. In less than two years, he communicated with some friends in Toronto, empowering them to repurchase his former premises there, at any price, so that he could not obtain bread and cheese where he was; besides, from the lawless character of the people, being in constant fear of his life. Another one quitting Canada in straitened circumstances, not doubting their retrieval in his Utopia of the States, very quickly discovering his error, wrote to his Canadian creditors, stating, that if they would consent to his return, he pledged himself never to relax his exertions, until he had redeemed his obligations to them.

Finally, and by way of explaining the concise matter-of-fact mode of treating my subject, in preference to long and prosy arguments, which few trouble themselves to read, and, if read, might be slow to understand, or care very little about, I fear no contradiction on asserting, that Notes are the key-stones of knowledge and basis of information. If travellers, in describing other countries, did but conform to these rules, how much more appreciated would their labors be by the world; infinitely less irksome to their readers and themselves: instead of which, the greater part of their productions are filled with excursive identities, that have little more to do with the business before them, than as mere borrowed aid to embellish and adorn it. Opinions are never received legally as evidence; therefore those travels that fall into this error, should be read only as narratives, nothing further; and very properly so, for if twenty individuals speak of a transaction which they all saw, every one of them shall differ in his account of it. Hence, as in courts of justice, so also in books of travel, facts alone should be stated, that the reader may be left to the decision of his own judgment.

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