

profess not to write the Council's only *Defence*; but I do profess to *defend* them. And I hope, with very little trouble, to vindicate their character from the groundless aspersions of this wanton calumniator, Gaspard De La Ronde.

Before proceeding to the question at issue, I beg the intelligent readers indulgence to a few observations I have to offer upon the literary character of the pamphlet now made known. It is the duty of every lover of science and education to keep a watchful eye towards the attempts of literary aspirants, and to maintain the dignity of public taste. There are bounds to the allowable invective of the political censor, and the licentiousness of the vulgar needs to be curbed. An individual may be a sincere friend, a good neighbour, a dutiful son, an affectionate husband, an indulgent parent; he may ^{even} ~~have~~ in his person every relative and social virtue (or as in the present instance, he may possess neither;) for these qualities he will deserve the esteem and approbation of all good men; he may even have acquired celebrity in his profession, and for this he will be rewarded with *success* in his practice, but when he enters the lists as a public writer, and in so doing transgresses the rules of literary decorum; when orthography, rhetoric, logic, "*et hoc omne genus*," lie withering under the wounds he has inflicted; when science lifts her veiled head, and perceives that she has been wounded in the house of her votaries, the individual becomes amenable to public criticism; common justice and the interests of education demand that some one should step forward in vindication of their rights. I refer the reader to the following *choice* specimens of Mr. De La Ronde's *purely classical style*.

On page 7th, in his introduction, our pamphleteer employs the expression, "A little brief authority *who* claims all respectability and infallibility to *itself*." The similarity between the gender of *who* and that of *itself*, few can discover. On page 16th an expression is used relative to the Rouge Bridge, which is truly alarming to those who are compelled to *waddle* (!) their way *through* it. On page 17th the words "designing speculators" convey to the reader a rather unfavorable impression of the author's discrimination. Who ever heard of "speculation" without "design?" The following occurs, p. 24th, "What in the name of the *span* or *yoke* of *Denis Benjamin's* will become of you now?" At the bottom of page 26th is the following elegant expression, "this host of Notaries, Clerks, &c. should now be taught to yield their pretensions to places of emolument and benefit in favour of the goodly old system." The writer would seem desirous to have the present offices filled (not with *men*, but) by *by an old system*. Such is the plain grammatical meaning of the sentence. Class with this the phrases "mental reservation" and "lawful men" p. 27th, "Yan-