

will think this apparent meekness of theirs, proceeds from contrition, and that they are thus rendering themselves, in some degree, deserving my indulgence and forbearance. But no, some reply, one way or another, must be made; and this valiant volunteer has done it most cleverly. Jumping and skipping about like a cat upon hot bricks, touching but lightly here and there, lest he should burn his paws! Since this is the case, Mr. Editor, with your permission, the consideration of this subject shall not stop here; and, in truth, since I have broached this important topic, I do not know if the public has not a right to demand from me all the information I possess concerning it. In Canada we do not want for dangerous precedents, which are but too often followed up; and this hospital-business will be added to the list, if it does not, in time, meet with that censure and reprobation which its evil tendency certainly deserves.

I again repeat that I attacked the hospital gentry, as public characters alone; with their private conduct I have nothing to do, so far as it does not interfere with their official capacity; for, God knows, we have all sins enough already revealed to the world, without exercising our ingenuity in bringing to light those foibles which should, as much as possible, be hidden from the glare of day, if from their exposure no good can be derived to society. In the conclusion of my last paper I thought I had distinctly said, how averse I was to injure any "worthy man;" but Phineas, apparently well aware of the nature of his own disposition, as well as that of certain other persons, with whom he tells us, doubtless with equal plausibility and truth, that he has no more communication than with the man in the moon, is excessively sensitive under the scourge of censure.

His insinuations with regard to myself can only excite a smile of pity from me: add I would wish this learned champion of learned men to learn, that I am as distant from the person he would wish to make me appear, as I am far from being injured by the talents, or even by the machinations of the whole hospital host combined; if they were, peradventure, disposed to wreak upon my devoted head the entire weight of their vengeance. And I would also wish him to know, that this is not the first time I have advocated the cause of truth and justice, when either has been threatened by encroachment. I further assure him, I should not have troubled myself about those persons, if their nomination, and proceedings, had not menaced the total extinction of some of the dearest privileges of my Canadian fellow-subjects. I once more challenge those gentlemen, and their abettors, in the face of day, in the face of a judicious, an impartial, and a much injured public, to rebut the charges I have so repeatedly made against them, if they can.

I maintain that their nomination as the only examiners for the district, is an injury and an insult, alike upon the country.