

ment of their private concerns, will be thought the fittest to fill situations where the public concerns shall be at their mercy.

Let not the present situation of this Province be lightly thought of.—The French revolutionary plague originated in appearances as little likely to produce the direful effects it did ; and although the bulk of this population be yet sound, there is a leaven gradually working by systematic deception, which may, if disregarded, pervade the whole lump at no very distant period.

In the session before the last, the Assembly attempted another usurpation, equally alarming, and which more immediately led to the late proceedings which were the subject of the former observations.

Under the pretence that it would facilitate an enquiry then making “ into the causes and injurious consequences “ that may have resulted from the delay in the publication of the Laws passed in the session of the Provincial Parliament, which began in February 1812,” the assembly addressed the Governor “ to cause to be laid before the House, a copy of the proceedings of the Court of Oyer and Terminer, held in and for the district of Montreal, in the months of August and September 1812, “ transmitted to His Excellency, in pursuance of the 6th section of the Provincial statute of 34th GEO. 3, Chap. 6,” and which was repeated in another address.

Now to what did this lead.—It led to establish two points