

that, if you can. The writer of these lines might perhaps have some facts of a rather more serious nature to relate, but then he does not lay claim to lawn sleeves—or to the Ermine—or to an Admiral's flag.

Without having access to documents in official hands, it is impossible to enter into minute details touching the prodigious "reduction of the expenditure and saving effected," of which Mr. Coffin assumes the merit, at page 14. He proves it, he says, by Document No. 11;—but, unhappily, he does not print No. 11, and, as he withholds the proof, he must permit me to doubt that he deserves all the credit which he takes. I could also wish that he had printed the "Rules and Regulations," (No. 12,) which, by implication, the world is to understand that he composed. I shall be greatly surprised if, in both those statements, he has been perfectly ingenuous; but, kissing goes by favor, and Mr. Coffin will, no doubt, obtain his object.\* Meanwhile, he will permit me to tell him that, unmoved by the imposing array of offices and appointments which he enumerates, I called at the proper office and caused strict search to be made. I, consequently, venture to tell Mr. Coffin plainly that there is no record of any Commission creating him either "Assistant Civil Secretary for the Police Establishment of the Province," or of "Assistant Civil Secretary for the Police Department!" He affirms that he held those appointments: he sets out with that statement, making it part, and an important part, of the foundation of his claim to some other office. According to the Public Registers, Mr. Coffin was appointed Stipendiary Magistrate, on the 26th June, 1839, Commissioner of Police, 8th July, 1840, and Joint Sheriff of Montreal, 1842. His ingenuity is miraculous; but there are the Public Records and their eloquent silence contradicting him.

At page 7, Mr. Coffin observes that "his services led to the offer, by Sir John Colborne, of the office of Assistant Secretary, with a view to the organization of a Police Force

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\* After these lines had been written, I found that he had already insinuated the point of the wedge; and, Commissions, conferring on him some appointment, are now in course of preparation!!!