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"When there exists no means of communication with the public, every one is exposed, without defence, to the secret shafts of malignity and envy:—But when there exists a free press, an innocent man immediately brings the matter into open day."

DELOLME.

- "There piercing caustics ply their spiteful power ;
- Emetics drench, and keen cathartics scour ;
The deadly drugs in double doses fly ;
And pestles peal a martial symphony."

GARTH.

Variare materiam misturâ jocorum.

MARTIAL.

Varying what's moral, grave and serious,
With jests and jokes, and stories ludicrous.

Montreal, 11th Jan. 1823.

MR. MACCULLOH,

The impartial proposal which you made of "hearing both sides,"* renders it superfluous for me to offer any arguments to induce you to insert the following letter in reply to the communication of Jonah, which appeared in the Scribbler of last week.

If stupidity of intellect, and palpable falsity are

*I do not recollect having made any proposal of that kind, excepting by general professions of impartiality ; but considering it always incumbent on a public writer to allow to every person who conceives himself alluded to, the privilege of a reply or a refutation, provided it be not carried to too great a length, or degenerate into a personal squabble, I now state that I will readily give insertion to a defence, or answer, to any thing *personal* that may have appeared in the Scribbler, reserving of course the right of correcting the language, or curtailing the dispute, if necessary.

L. L. M.