

a post-office department in Canada, independent of, and uncontrollable by, either the provincial government, or even the king's immediate representative, the governor in chief.

I perceive, with great satisfaction, that the reformation of abuses of this kind, has already been taken up in Upper Canada: and, as the parliament of Lower Canada, will meet again in June, I sincerely trust they also will take up the question; and, under the liberal and enlightened policy of the present truly worthy representative of Majesty, Sir Francis Burton, be sanctioned in their endeavours to remedy the evils that exist in that respect, by his cordial co-operation.

It may be supposed and alleged that the discussion of such a question, appertains more to a political writer, than to the literary and satiric nature of the Scribbler. This objection, I would obviate, in the first place, by arguing that the abuses, difficulties, and oppressions, which affect the circulation of periodicals of every description, through the Canadian post-offices, form essentially, an object of literary complaint, and consequently one of literary interest; affecting not only the interests of the editor of the Scribbler, but the convenience, satisfaction, and rights, of all who subscribe to, or peruse, it. Next as an object of general utility, it is certainly as proper to be introduced into a *miscellaneous* work, as the abuses of law trials for libel, representations respecting the gaol of Montreal, imprisonment for debt, and other matters of serious import which have been occasionally descanted on, and respecting which I have received frequent and unequivocal testimonies of both public and private approbation. Besides, as I have not yet had it in my power to resume the regular publication of the Free Press, the Scribbler is, just now, the only vehicle through which I can convey my sentiments on all subjects, to the public.

Much of the report made by the committee of the House of Assembly, of Upper Canada, to whom were referred "certain abuses, said to exist in the post-office department," of