

MR. MERRITT

AND THE

BOARD OF TRADE.

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In our last number, we promised to notice two documents bearing date, respectively, the 4th Oct. and the 18th Nov. last, and addressed by the Quebec Board of Trade to the Honble. Mr. Merritt; and whilst in such our notice of these documents we shall be as brief as possible, we may, notwithstanding, dwell more at length thereon than we should otherwise desire, owing to the necessity we shall be under of entering into certain details, which are essential to a thorough investigation of the subject.

When Mr. Merritt communicated with the Quebec Board of Trade, he no doubt expected that he was addressing a highly respectable body, such a one for instance as the London Board of Trade, a body incapable of any dishonorable or unworthy act or be biased in its turn by low intrigue, private interest, or personal animosity—the offspring of deceit and distrust.

From the Board of Trade, the reputed organ of commercial interests in this district, one might naturally enough expect calm and deliberate reflection, information of a nature at once substantial and useful in its tendency—views in fine which, if they were not profound, would at least possess a certain consistency. But in place of this what has he received? Two cumbrous epistles, where all the varied productions of ambitious hopes deferred and disappointed interests, and of the ill disguised