

the Militia; and when report was made that the defendants were much indisposed, * and that it would be dangerous to their health to go out, he totally lost his temper. † He insulted in the grossest manner two Surgeons, and one Lieutenant, the last of whom he ordered to go like a lacquey to the house of one of the Surgeons, at an improper and unseasonable hour, to the annoyance and disturbance of his family, and menaced him with the displeasure of the Governor; and all this for no other reason than that he reported, a gentleman (whose family he attended, and who was then actually under a course of medicine,) to be sick, and unable to appear. He had the audacity to order *Surgeons in military array, attended by orderly Serjeants*, to enter the houses of private gentlemen and citizens, at an unseasonable hour, that they might report if they were, or, were not sick.

These orders and these proceedings, were issued and conducted with such thundering threats, and imperious manners, that the whole city was struck with terror. There appeared to be an universal eclipse over the minds and countenances of men: amazement and consternation seized the whole society; for three days there was a continued gloom; *all was darkness visible*: Instead of good humour, good neighbourhood, social intercourse and friendly conversation, nought but distance, animosities, jealousies, fears, alarms, and all the attendants of a divided and distracted society were to be seen. From this state of horrors the public (dreading the impending and deplorable fate of the defendants) were happily relieved, not by any preternatural, or supernatural, but by very natural means, by the fortitude of minds conscious of rectitude, by the assistance of a gray goose quill, and of the Herald-Printing-Office, which gave birth to a polite complimentary card to the worthy Colonel. ‡

* Which was proved by the Surgeons and can be proved by other witnesses bearing commissions in the British Militia.

† This can be proved by half a score of witnesses.

‡ See appendix No. 9.