

palazzo del Vescovo, i tribunali di giudicatura, *la casa dei Cavalieri gerosolimitani*, ch'è una fabrica superba di pietre quadre, e che dicesi esser costata 40,000 Lire ster., con conventi di 'Frati,' e di Monache, cappelle ec, che richiederrebbero troppe tempo a descriverle. Ma il piu nobile edificio di tutti è il palazzo, dove risiede il Governatore, in cui tenevosi, il grau Consiglio della Carolina, quando Quebec era in mano dei Francesi, e dove son riposte tutte le regie provisioni, etc., etc."—*Il Gazzettiere Americano*.

THE KNIGHTS OF ST. JOHN AND MALTA.

(*To the Editor of the Morning Chronicle.*)

SIR,—Towards the end of the month of August last, I had the pleasure of making the acquaintance of Colonel Carr, a distinguished British officer, who, on his way to the Far-West spent a couple of days in Quebec.

We visited together some of our institutions and various historical places in and about the city, and he manifested the greatest interest in all that he saw ; for not only is he a gentleman of high military attainments, but also quite familiar with the history of Canada, before and since the conquest.

While thus together he asked me whether the Knights of St. John had not, under the old *regime*, a branch of their order established in Quebec, remarking at the same time that he had read something to that effect in a book in his library.

As I could give him no information whatever upon the question, nothing more was said with reference to it.

On his return, however, to his command in England, he wrote me, enclosing an extract taken from an Italian version of the *American Gazetteer*, published at Leghorn, in 1763.

This letter and the extract I at once sent to our esteemed