

of the laws of nature and of nations, I dares to insert it, that, in case the circumstances be correctly stated, it may draw due attention from the public, and cause full enquiry to be made, for the redress of this personal outrage, if justice so requires it, and the prevention of similar disgraceful proceedings in future.

Montreal, 31st July, 1823.
 Mr. L. L. MACCULLOCH;

If the laws of this province are so diametrically opposed to those of Great Britain as to suffer a British subject, and an Englishman, to be cruelly assaulted and beaten; to be overpowered by a desperate gang of hired ruffians, tied with cords like a murderer, and finally by force carried over the hills, beyond the limits of British protection: at the liberty of the subject is thus set at naught; if this is the manner in which our laws are enforced; if such a set of lawless wretches as those concerned in this disgraceful transaction are employed as officers of a court of justice; what can we do but prepare for the worst, where our safety depends upon the caprice of men of the most abandoned principles?

On the night of the 29th instant, one Ogilby, lately raised to the dignity of high constable of this place, accompanied by some other supposed officers of justice, and a posse of informers and smugglers, entered the Neptune inn, with a warrant said to have been issued by Calvin May, a justice of the peace, of Philadelphia, against a person named Johnson, an Englishman, who was charged with stealing a horse and chaise in Fairfax county, New Hampshire. Proceeding to his room, they arrested him; and, having their own objects, instead of the pursuit of justice, in view, insisted upon binding him; this he resisted, but after a manly, but vain, resistance against such fearful odds, they succeeded in tying him fast. Having thus grossly and illegally abused this unfortunate stranger, instead of taking the proper and legal means of detaining him, carrying him before a magistrate, and lodging him in prison, where he might either be further dealt with according to law, or, if he could make his innocence appear, be liberated; instead of this course, which, as pretending to be executing the laws of their country, was the one they were bound to follow, they forcibly carried him off across the river: at La Prairie they ordered a carriage and horses as quickly as possible to go to Champlain in the State of New York, a stage was procured, and Johnson placed in it guarded by four men, when they drove off, and—may the devil speed those man-robbers.

This infamous piece of business will, no doubt, excite in your bosom, an indignant recollection of the similar manner in which you were used three years ago; and I sincerely hope you will