

and practice of the law, who, granting that they are good and honest men, will pronounce judgment according to their own individual ideas of justice and equity. Such a practice will supersede all law, and substitute, in its stead, an endless variety of fanciful notions of equity; to the great encouragement of every kind of chicanery, and to the great alarm and danger of all those over whose properties and lives the Royal Court of this island has jurisdiction."—See *Report*, pages 58, 59.

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*Examination of the Rev. John Mallett.*

*Question.*—"If any abuses exist on this subject," (the electing of jurors,) "what do you conceive to be the cause of them?"

*Answer.*—"I conceive the causes to be many; but I shall only briefly observe that our constitution, having deviated from its original simplicity, has been occasionally resorted to, by ambitious and designing persons, to realize their projects of interest and self-aggrandizement, and, in its progress, has alternately exhibited the appearance of tyranny, oligarchy, aristocracy, and lately that of democracy and anarchy; the classing of all which in due order, and illustrating them with precise facts and clear proofs, (*which might be adduced in abundance,*) *would require time, talents, much writing, and, above all, great public spirit;* and, without which complete elucidation in the above-stated manner, I am afraid no man, though the best intentioned and of the most extensive knowledge, will ever remove the radical defects of our civil institutions, or balance a well-equipoised political system, whose regular motion keeps in harmony the different orders of the community."

*Question.*—"Do you apprehend that any, and what evils are likely to arise from the continuance of the present mode of electing jurors?"

*Answer.*—"After the very improper choice already made, as stated in answer to question the first, I certainly apprehend that other persons still more unfit, if possible, will continue to be elected, especially as several of that description are mentioned beforehand, for that purpose; and, among the rest, one raised to celebrity for his nightly assault of a member of the States, who, though he swore most positively to him, and that other clear corroborating circumstances had brought the matter home to him, impressing conviction on the mind of the whole court, and