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*Utilitatem publicam diuturna non convenit ludificatione
differr.* CASSIODORUS.

It is not meet that the common weal should for ever be
abused by deceitful practices.

Although the appointments, which it was the object of the
writer of the following observations to deprecate, have actu-
ally been made; and although I do not perfectly co-incide in all
he advances, yet as it relates to a matter, that is looked upon
by a considerable portion of the community, as one of no un-
important nature; and may lead to more mature consideration
in future, if not to a revision of the present measures, I give it
nearly as it has been sent to me.

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Montreal, 8th March.

In truth it is to be apprehended, that my lord Dalhousie is
again on the eve of being led into error, by the intrigues of cer-
tain supposed great personages, who, it must be said, unfortu-
nately for the general weal, have the ear of, and but too free
access to, his Excellency. The business of the Sheriff of Que-
bec, which it is to be hoped may prove the last of similar un-
wise proceedings, should induce us to think his lordship would
weigh matters well, ere he decides, lest he should have the pain,
not to say the confusion, of retracing his steps; a public ac-
knowledgement that he is over easily persuaded, and listens
too much to the instigations of interested men, without exerci-
sing his own judgement. But to the subject of this communica-
tion

In the Governor's message to the House of Assembly of the
28th Feb. he calls the attention of the house to the necessity of
appropriating public funds in aid of the support of the Montreal
general hospital. With this we are not disposed to quarrel;
but most unwittingly the cloven foot of the promoters of the
business, was manifested a little before, when the Governor
says, "this institution promises extensive benefits to the pro-
vince at large." Mark what the consequence will be. Those
at the head of the hospital, with characteristic modesty, would
make of it a private concern, whereby to enhance their own
merits in the public estimation; and by monopolizing all the