

" Document on which such action was taken, was incidentally omitted. I wish it, therefore, to be remembered that there were to be found in this Municipality "three inhabitants" capable of offering so unworthy a resistance. I regret to class, with this *decayed* "Limb of the Law," *two* who would most assuredly, *under any other circumstances*, be entitled to the highest respect. But this is not the *first* time men have suffered from being in bad company. I sincerely hope that with them it may be the *last*.

On pages 15 and 16 of the pamphlet, the charge of *embezzlement* is brought against the Council and its Treasurer. The contemptible and dishonest author of this unfounded allegation ought to be made an example of to the public, as a compound of all that is ignominious and base. He asserts that before the already mentioned assessment was made, the sum of "£126 0 0 was already in the hands of the Treasurer." The falsity of this accusation can be easily established. It is a notorious fact that the present Council was not in existence until the first day of July, 1845, and they levied no tax until the ensuing January, 1846. Nor were there any funds in their possession when they commenced operations. From what source, then, could this alleged sum have been obtained? The author does not *condescend* to inform us. But a report has been set on foot (probably emanating from the same source) that they had received £126 as their portion of the License Money. I am prepared to repel this charge. A Resolution passed the Council in September 1845, authorising the Mayor to make application to the Government for the expected portion of said money. But the following letters from the Provincial Secretary, dated respectively "17th December, 1845," and "20th April, 1846," show that the Council had received no portion of this money, nor were they even aware of the amount of their allowance, up to the last mentioned date, 20th April, 1846; and *then* only the trifling sum of "Forty-eight Pounds," instead of £126, as reported :—

" Secretary's Office,
" Montreal, 17th Dec. 1845. }

" Sir,

With reference to your letters of the 30th of September and 6th ultimo, I have the honor, by command of the Administrator of the Government, to inform you that the subject of the action to be taken by the Government in regard to the mode of distributing to the several Municipal Councils the monies arising from the duties on Licenses to keep Houses of Entertainment under the provisions of the Act 8th Vic., c. 72, is under consideration,