

occasion. Justice was administered, with few exceptions, by the approved Laws of England ; the interests of Commerce were protected, and the rights of Liberty every where secure. The Judges indeed were dependant ; but they had few temptations to corruption, and no apology for ignorance. The Law was certain ; and they were interested in their decisions being correct and uniform.

That under such a system of Law discontent should arise, is hardly credible. We must however admit that some of the new subjects did complain. The sudden rays of Liberty were too powerful for those who had lived in the gloom of Tyranny. The transition was too sudden for the feelings of some, and fatal to the interests of others. The Seigneur demanded the restitution of his power ; and, wonderful indeed ! the Vassal demanded his chains.