

On Can. T.
TO CHARLES MARSHALL, Esquire,

SOLICITOR GENERAL, &c. &c. &c.

QUEBEC.

SIR,

A REMARKABLE feature of the proceedings in my case being the unjustifiable, and, I humbly conceive, illegal, seizure, examination and detention of all my private papers of every description, I beg leave to solicit your impartial perusal and consideration of the following Letter, addressed to the Secretaries of State, which was published in 1763, on the occasion of the seizure of Mr. Wilkes's papers.

You are aware that on the 30th of April, 1763, Mr. Wilkes's house was forcibly entered under a warrant from the Secretaries of State; his doors and locks broken open, his most secret and confidential papers thrown into a sack, put into the hands of common messengers, without a schedule or any security for the recovery of them, and carried to the Secretary of State's office: and that in the following year, when he brought his action against the under Secretary of State, Mr. Wood, very heavy damages were given, and it was declared from the Bench that *the seizure of papers, excepting in cases of high treason, is illegal.*