

Canada, and to shew both the fallacy of the mode in which those returns were procured, and the perfectly-erroneous nature of them. I have been waiting for some information expected on the subject. I see, however, that the question has been taken up by the York Weekly Register, in which upon the assumption that those returns are correct, the proportion of revenue which the Upper Province ought to derive, in consequence, is maintained to be, (*risum teneatis amici*) ONE HALF! I shall, therefore in a very early number, bend my attention to this object; and in the mean time shall be glad to be favoured, with any information relative to it, which my correspondents can give: say, as to the mode of procuring the returns, the districts and places enumerated in the Quebec Gazette, estimates as to the real population, &c. the numbers of inhabited houses in those districts and places, particularly in Quebec, Montreal, and Three Rivers, &c. &c. According to that statement, the whole numbers returned, or the actual population, are

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| For the district of Quebec | 114,546           |
| Three Rivers               | 44,134            |
| Montreal                   | 301,372           |
| Gaspé                      | 4,454             |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>364,546!!!</b> |

which I am tolerably confident I shall be able to prove is 200,000, at least too little.

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