

of the Court of the quantity and produce and Condition of the Lands with the Amount of the Purchase Money and the Sale Confirmed by him.

It is difficult if not impossible exactly to ascertain the Quantum of Expence in recovering these small Debts, but we recommend it to the Gentlemen who preside in these Courts to reduce it as much as possible, and we have no doubt but they will give a proper attention to a matter so interesting to the Honour of the Crown and the Convenience and ease of the Subject.—

The Administration of Justice in causes of small Consequence we apprehend will be tolerably well provided for in the Towns of Quebec and Montreal upon this Establishment more especially if there be added (as perhaps may be necessary at least Convenient,) One Officer of Justice in each, who might decide in all Causes to the value of Fifty Shillings Current Money and enforce his decision by distress and Sale of the Defend^{ts} goods only.

These Officers to be Appointed by your Excellency, by Special Commission independant of the General Commission of the Peace (tho' it would be adviseable for them to have both, in the Nature of the Intendants Subdelequis they may perhaps be well appointed by Virtue of the Powers given to Your Excellency in your Commission, but we rather recommend it to be done by an Ordinance.

And You should be empowered to Appoint more of these Officers in different parts of the Province as the Circumstances and Situation of things may require, and as in your discretion, they may appear to be necessary whose Jurisdiction might be at least equal to what was given to a single Magistrate under the Ordinance of Septem^r 1764.

These are the observations that have Occurred to us upon this Subject: We believe the regulations here proposed will be found to be Salutary, and meet the Grievances at present so loudly and so Justly complained of, And we Accordingly recommend them to be immediately Carried into Execution.

One observation however has escaped us, which we beg leave to add, with Regard to the Assize of Bread which by an Ordinance of this Province bearing date 3^d of September 1764,¹ is directed to be regulated by 3 Justices of the Peace ; And tho this Jurisdiction will still be preserved to the Justices, yet we are apprehensive that they will be indisposed to exercise it, if they should

¹“An Ordinance, Relating to the Assize of Bread, and for ascertaining the Standard of Weight and Measures in the Province of Quebec.” Sept. 3rd, 1764. See “Ordinances made for the Province of Quebec, &c.” Que. 1767.