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*Qui statuit aliquid, parte maiore a altera,
Æquum licet statuerit, haud æquus est.* SENECA.

The man who does decide, and hears not both sides first,
Unjustly does decide, e'en tho' his verdict's just.

Montreal, May, 1823.

MR. MACCULLOU,

I must acknowledge myself greatly beholden to you for inserting my last communication; and, without further preface, I will take the liberty of addressing you again; upon the same subject; although, perhaps, an apology might be deemed requisite for prolonging the discussion, after what has been already advanced. But, indeed, much has been said, but very little to the purpose.* However, to revert to the letter of A FRIEND TO TRUTH, in No. 23, we find him adducing instances of ducces, apothecaries' clerks, and disciples of Bacchus, passing the medical board at Quebec. But, allowing this to have been the case, what impression does it leave upon the mind, but that, if that board was unfit, another ought to be appointed, *which has been done?* What shall we say of *men* who, forgetful of the duty they owe to their country, and to the honour and dignity of their own profession, will so far deviate from the path pointed out to them by reason, experience, and every social and natural tie; as to connive at the admission of those to the practice of physic, whom they know to be unqualified for the duties of the profession? Into what discredit has it not already been brought by illiterate, uneducated pretenders? If we suffer our fancy to take wing to the dark ages of antiquity, when science slumbered, and ignorance, prejudice and superstition assumed the physician's garb, we find that those who had acquired even an imperfect skill in the management of sick persons, by observation and experience, were looked upon, as almost superhuman beings; in proportion as practice and reason approached each other and went hand in hand, the art became better understood, and at length when the discoveries of learned and experimental physicians, for centuries past, rendered medical knowledge more general and more easily attainable, then, as now,

* I am perfectly of the same opinion, and think therefore the subject had better be dropped.