

ency, à l'Ecossoise to the great mon Let but an independent paper, however appear, and then—good night, both to Tommy, and to Uncle Toby

But, sir as a Canadian landholder, and one belonging to a family of some distinction, I can not suppress my indignation when I consider the presumption of those men, at the head of whom is Mr. Loverule, who have attempted to undermine the constitution and destroy the rights of the Canadians, by giving the most crude, and the falsest information to Mr. Ellice, who brought the union-bill forward in parliament, by which the latter was induced to say, (though perhaps he himself knew better that that odious measure was one desired by Canada, and to ground his assertion upon a petition signed by a dozen individuals, not even merchants, (for as you have formerly explained, *Scribbler, Supplement No 40*, there are properly speaking, none in Canada,) but retailers, pedlars, tradesmen, and mechanics; who thereby prayed the parliament to take away the rights and privileges of 400,000 Canadians, landholders and farmers, without giving them even a hearing* But the unanimity with which the Canadians are now roused to frustrate the designs of Messrs Loverule, Ellice and Co. is a thunder-bolt, they little expected to fall upon them.

You lately spoke of the Island of St. Heleae; but you are mistaken in representing Baron Grunt as a man of no sense, for he has had sense enough to sell the island to government for £20,000—when its value could only be reckoned at £5000†;

* *If I mistake not, the petition presented to parliament by Mr Ellice, was one got up for the occasion, and signed only by a few merchants, resident in London, connected with Canada, and not by a single individual residing permanently in this country Thus, though it does away with the reproach of my correspondent, only adds to the iniquity of the manœuvre, by which the voice of a few London merchants was represented as conveying the unanimous sentiments of the entire population of Canada*
L. L. M.

† *I believe these sums are not quite correct. but that is nothing to the purpose, for I conceive the proprietor of the island had not only a right to make the most of his property, but that, as the possessor of a most enchanting and desirable domain, on which his family mansion was erected, and for which he of course must have had the warmest predilection, he would have done great injustice to himself, not to have been indemnified both for the ideal value derived from taste and hereditary possession, and for the intrinsic value of the soil For my part, so much have I been delighted with the romantic situation, and almost unparalleled beauties of the spot, as the residence of a gentle-*