

of the fugitives, by a serjeant, and three soldiers. The serjeant and his men were very roughly handled; the former made his escape, but the three soldiers were sent to prison at Plattsburgh, upon a charge of riot: no bill of indictment, however, was found against them, and they have been sent back to the *Ile-aux-Noix*. Had a proper and peaceable requisition been made to the magistrates, it is probable the men would have been given up, but the attempt to take them by force, was as impolitic, as it smacks of a propensity towards military despotism, that ought to be jealously looked to by the people in Canada.

L. L. M.

Montreal, July 7th, 1823.

MR. MACCULLOH,

As you have, with your accustomed liberality, admitted a *rejoinder* from A FRIEND TO TRUTH, into the Free Press, addressed to me, relative to the Montreal General Hospital, which I consider demands my re-appearance, I therefore move for leave to file a *sur-rejoinder*, on or before the 24th instant.

PHINEAS.

TO A FRIEND TO TRUTH:

You accuse me of want of forethought in attempting the justification of the Medical Boards of this province, in the first *count* of your *rejoinder*. You will find it distinctly stated in my *replication* to your *plea*, that I did not intend espousing their cause farther than might be consistent so to do, upon *general principles*; and, my dear sir, have I deviated from that rule? examine my *exhibits* candidly, and you will find that I have not. In the next place, you tell me that I have "thoughtlessly divulged my intentions." Was it so, think you? or, did I not rather do it deliberately? In default of more substantial reasoning, and as a last subterfuge, you now come tilting along, screened, as you doubtless suppose, under the very specious garb of a *Friend to Truth*, and with all the subtlety and hardihood of a man determined against conviction. tell me, I have asserted a falsehood. As my worthy friend, Mr. Macculloh, has satisfied you upon that point,* I shall only, by way of retort courteous, beg leave to assure you that I am completely confirmed in my opinion, that you are one of those discarded candidates for the profession, who forget to get their lesson *even*

* PHINEAS is mistaken here. My explanation only went to my belief that he did not belong to the hospital, and that therefore A FRIEND TO TRUTH was wrong in identifying him with those he called his coadjutors. But the falsehood which A FRIEND TO TRUTH, attributed to Phineas, was, where he called that *slander*, which his adversary contends is *nothing but the truth*.

L. L. M.