

sire of engrossing high salaries, and lucrative perquisites, are too prevalent in all colonies; and are evils that must attend the distant provinces of every empire, if not checked and kept in controul by the firmness and patriotism of those who take the lead in the affairs of their country.

You have, no doubt, observed, in the public papers, that the House of Assembly of Tobago, have lately addressed their governor, Sir F. P. Robinson; on the subject of the distresses and difficulties in which the island found itself, and intimating their expectation that his Excellency would relinquish a part of his salary of 24000 sterling, per annum, which the colonial legislature had granted, when their finances were in a flourishing situation, but which the deplorable state of their trade, and the necessities of the times would not now enable them to defray; and that this address was met by the governor, by his declining to take the hint, and a recommendation to stop the completion of the public buildings then erecting, and to impose a tax upon absentees!

The Assembly of Tobago, on that occasion, referred to the example of the island of Jamaica, where, on account of the public necessities, the salary of the Duke of Manchester had been materially reduced.

I believe that the governor-general of Canada, receives an annual sum which exceeds the income of the President of the United States of America; Do you not think, sir, that it would highly redound to the honour of my lord Dalhousie, were he to relinquish part of his salary, for the benefit of the public? especially if the province charges itself with the civil list, which I desire, with all my heart, may be the case, as that is the only thing that will, in my opinion, give this country its due weight, in the political scale of the British empire; at the same time it is obvious to the plainest understanding, that if the house of assembly are not to hold the pursestrings, and appropriate their own money, in the way they think fit, our boasted parliament will be reduced to a mere court of registry, for the edicts of the governor. Besides should His Excellency do so, other gentlemen that hold places, would, no doubt, follow so laudable

had been adopted by parliament. Here the question occurs, has the ex-sheriff of Quebec, given any security? and how are those persons to get redress, for whom he may have recovered executions, received the amount, and neglected to pay them over? The office, duties, and abuses of the Sheriffs in Canada, form a fertile topic; and I shall take another opportunity of enlarging upon it, if leisure and space will permit. L. L. M.