

lence of those whose profession required the study of them, or by the depravity of those whose judicial stations required the correct, faithful, and uniform administration of them. But until that information be produced, we shall not feel ourselves justified in charging on the Judge the censure which is now fastened on the Law.

But it may be expected that we should, from motives of candor, admit that this complicated mass, which is termed the Law of Canada, was not forced upon the Province by the exertions of power, but was rather conceded to it as the professed object of its wish. It is certainly true, that from the year 1764 to 1774 the Laws of England were in force in the Province of Quebec, in consequence of His Majesty's Proclamation. And if ever a measure of pure benevolence was peculiarly justified by the dictates of sound policy, it was upon this occasion.