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Aemo enm leges tegum causa salvas esse vult, sed rapublice, quod ex legibus omnes rempublicam pptane putant admenistrarz.

Cicero.
No one desires that the law shall prevail merely for the sake of the law, but for the sake of public goona; since all are conviaced that government can be best administered by adhering strictly to the lav.

The following article of intelligence may not be uninteresting at the present juncture, to the Canadians.

Burlngton, 11th Fel. 1823.
By advices from Boston, it appears that it was reported upon the authority of letters said to have been received from England, by merchants there, that orders have been given for 30,000 troops to hold themselves in realiness for embatkation early in the spring for Quebec; another account says 13,000; but that strong reinfoicements are intended to be sent to the British regiments at presegt ia Cauada, appears to be certain.

It has been a source of gratified freling to the anti unionists in Canada, to learn that the highly respectable gentemen, whom they deputed to convey their petinons to his Majesty and the Imperial Parhament of Great Britian, were every where, in their passage throngh the States, treated with particular distinction, and with great respect by the constituted authorities. At Swanton, the officers of the customs, declined to examioe a single package of their baggage, which was altogether rather bulky. How it is to be accounted for, may be difficult to guess, but it is certain that Mr. Stuart, and his lady," the bearers of the petition of the unionists, experzenced very difierent treatment, for, the searching officers, drd opeo, and examiue, all their luggage, not excepting the rolls of parchunent, with their ten thousaud signatures. Difficult, hovever, at it may be to account for this; perhaps the contiasted demeanour of the two deputations may offer a solution: the one cousisting of the most utbane, and polished gentlemen, who behaved with their

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