

on the bench, to be invested with the judges' ermine, and entrusted with the lives and properties of his Majesty's subjects, how much ought you not to be upon your guard against such base conspiracies against your administration? for, as nothing will bring your administration into greater and more deserved contempt, than the employment of improper persons in the high offices of judicial and executive government, so the attempt to impose such upon you, may be considered as a conspiracy, against your station, your dignity, your popularity, and your utility, as governor in chief of these provinces.

But, perhaps, other motives lurk under this appointment: perhaps it was desirable to get rid of Mr. Fletcher; that his exaltation to the proctorship of an inferior district may be considered as a kind of honourable exile, or, in vulgar language, "a good riddance of bad rubbish." Perhaps the townships were considered in such a lawless and criminal state, that it was doing grace, and honour, and nothing but due justice, to send them a drunken judge, a sort of chief thieftaker, to preside at their courts. Nay, if this recommendation came from any of the Scotch intriguers who have so much the ear of his excellency, perhaps it may be a subtle refinement of demoniac policy:—to make the inhabitants of the eastern townships, (who have felt much satisfaction at the incipient step that has been taken to ameliorate their condition by the erection of a court of justice for them,) dissatisfied and turbulent, and induce them to continue to listen to the false insinuations of the unionists, that all the evils they complain of are to be attributed to the influence and power of the Canadians in the house of assembly. "See," they might say, "how nugatory what is pretended to be done for you is: the assembly, it is true, have consented to the erection of a new district, but they have caused a worse than king Log to be sent among you as a judge.—you will never be well treated, never have your wishes fulfilled, or justice done you, till we, the unionists, get into power. Be as clamorous, therefore, as ever, for a union. Stick to us, hoist us up into the chief controul of affairs, and then you shall see—what you shall see."

But it is not yet too late, my lord; give Mr. Fletcher a station better adapted to his habits—if there is not one ready-made, since you claim the right of putting your hand in the public purse, and paying who and what you like, without accounting to the people, it is easy to create an office—and select some one from the bar in Canada, of more unexceptionable talents and habits, to sit upon the seat of England's Royal Majesty in his court of justice,—to sit upon **THE KING'S OWN BENCH.**

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