

QUEBEC.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

The Court of King's Bench gave a decision on the last day of the April term, in the case of Charles Adolphus Holt against William Smith Sewell.—This was an action brought against the latter gentleman, the Sheriff of this district, to recover damages for an escape on *Mésne Process*. On the 16th June last, Mr. Holt sued out a Writ of *Capias ad Respondendum* which was delivered to the Sheriff to be executed. The Sheriff, as he usually does, employed one of his deputies who succeeded in arresting the individual against whom the Writ was directed, and had him in actual custody for a few minutes, but he contrived to escape and was not afterwards retaken, Mr. Holt, in consequence brought his action against the Sheriff to recover in the shape of damages, about £300, such being nearly the amount of the note upon which the *Capias* was issued, together with charges of protest, interest and the costs incurred upon the first action. This cause was tried by a Special Jury in February last, when after a patient hearing the Jury gave an unanimous verdict for 292*l.* in favor of the Plaintiff. This was an important case for the Sheriff, and he had the advice and assistance of four of our most able Advocates, Messrs. Stuart & Black, Vallière de St. Réal & Thompson, by whom the defence was managed with consummate address; both at the trial, and on the motions in arrest of judgement, and for a new trial, which were made in behalf of the Defendant, his Counsel urged to exhaustion every point which made for him on all branches of the question, of the liability of the Sheriff under our Provincial system of Jurisprudence, without allowing the minutest clerical error to escape them. The Court, however, rejected both of these applications, and on the motion of Mr. Gugs, the Plaintiff's Counsel, pronounced judgement in conformity with the finding of the Jury; during the delivery of which the Court expressed their surprise and regret, that since the creation of the Sheriff's in this country, the Legislature should have omitted to regulate and define by express enactments the duties and responsibilities of those officers.

On the 3d, the Countess of Dalhousie, gave a ball and supper at the Castle of St. Louis, which notwithstanding the badness of the weather was very numerously attended.

ORDINATION.—On the 11th (the variable health of the venerable Bishop of this Diocese being found to permit his officiating, though not without inconvenience to himself), a private Ordination was held in the Cathedral Church of this City, when the Rev. G. Archbold was admitted to the Order of Priests, and Mr. E. W. Sewell, second son of the Hon. the Chief Justice of this Province, was ordained Deacon. These gentlemen were to have been ordained next month, in the Ember weeks, with several others, but some circumstances having occurred which have created a vacancy in the Cure of York, U. C. during the absence of the Rev. Dr Strachan, the Rev. G. Archibold proceeds to the temporary charge of that Parish, and Mr. Sewell takes the duties of this gentleman till his return, Assistant to the Rector of Quebec, and Preacher to Protestant Settlers in parts adjacent.

Mr. Sewell's future office will be that of Minister of the Chapel of Ease, which is immediately about to be erected in a handsome stile in a convenient part of this City, and the want of which has been long and severely felt by the resident members of the Church of England.

The Emigrants Hospital, for the use of which £600, were appropriated at the last session of the Legislature, is about to be reorganized and re-opened in conformity to the law. The admission is extended to contagious fevers among the inhabitants of the town as well as among Emigrants.

On Wednesday 22d the farewell Ball which has for some time been in preparation, was given to the Countess of Dalhousie, by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, the Gentlemen of the Councils, the Heads of the Civil and Military Departments and the Field Officers of the Troops in Garrison, and of the Militia of the City.

Sir PEREGRINE MAITLAND, Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, accompanied by Mr. P. Maitland, A. D. C. Major Hillier, Private Secretary, Col. Foster, Asst. Depy. Adjutant General, and Commissioner Barrie, C. B. arrived from York, Upper Canada,