

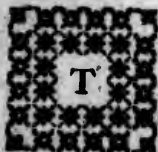
Upon any Indictment which may be sent up to you upon any Offence, you must either return it a true Bill, or reject it; for you cannot find it a true Bill on one Part, and a false Bill in another Part: By your Oath you are sworn to "Deligently enquire, and true Presentment make of all Things, which shall be given you in Charge; and that you shall keep the Secrets of His Majesty, your Brother Jurors, and your own; and that you shall present no one thro' Malice, Envy, or Hatred; neither shall you leave one un-presented for any Reward, Favour or Affection:" By which the utmost Latitude is given to you for the redressing of Grievances of whatever Kind or Nature, without the least Room for Reflection, from any Person who may think themselves aggrieved by your Conduct; so that if you act consonant to your own Consciences, and agreeable to the Evidence that shall be laid before you, or may come within your own Knowledge, you will fully discharge the Duty of your Office.

There is one Thing I must observe to you Gentlemen, That in any Case that may come, or may be laid before you, you must not attend to any Evidence but on Behalf of the Crown.

As we are but an Infant Colony, I would beg leave to recommend it to your Considerations, by every Means in your Power, to discourage any Advances towards the Disturbance of the Publick or Individuals, either by personal Inveective or general Calumny, either reduced to writing, or verbal, as the promoting of such Things serves for no other Purpose than to weaken the Community, and to render us contemptible in the Eyes of our so lately acquired fellow Subjects.

We have ordered the Clerk of the Peace to lay before you all Matters proper for your Cognizance, and we make no Manner of Doubt but you will acquit yourselves in every Matter which will be laid before you, with that Integrity and Disinterestedness which are the Characteristicks of honest Men and good Subjects.

*PRESENTMENTS of October Sessions, made at a Continuation thereof by Adjournment, held at the Session-house in the City of Quebec, 16th October, 1764, by the GRAND-JURY, in and for the said District.*



THE great Number of inferior Courts, established in this Province, with an Intention to administer Justice, are tiresome, litigious, and expensive to this poor Colony, as they very often must be attended with the disagreeable Necessity of Appeals, and of Course of many exhorbitant Fees.

- 2 The great Number appointed Justices of the Peace, out of so few Men of Character, legally qualified, and fit to be trusted with the Liberty and Property of