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But, my lord, this measure is too daring to pass unnoticed, too dangerous to be received with indifference, or submission."

JUNIUS to Lord North.

Quod omnes tangit, id ab omnibus approbatur, aequum est.

DECRETAL lib. vi.

What affects all men, it is right should be approved by all men.

Quebec, Dec. 1822.

MR. MACCULLOH,

In my last I animadverted in strong terms on the appointment of sheriff of this district, bestowed upon a youth, the son of our chief-justice. I have since learnt that he was not the only candidate for the office, that came recommended from the bench, and that the balance hung suspended between him and another boy, still more unfit, equally a member of the family of one of the judges. In either case, every poor criminal that is brought to the bar, would have the singular privilege of being apprehended, tried, judged, condemned, and executed, all by one family! * The mania of place-hunting, and the sordid de-

* I have not at hand the Canada Judicature-act, as it is called, by which the courts of Quebec, Montreal, and Three Rivers are established, but I take it for granted that the appointment of a district-sheriff, by the governor alone, is according to existing law; whilst, if such be the law, it is certainly one that ought, the sooner the better, to be repealed. It ought not to be part of the prerogative of the executive to appoint, but only to confirm, or negative, such appointment; and it would have been well if that part of the Canada petition of 1784, upon which the constitutional act of 1791 was built, which prayed that "the Sheriffs be elected by the house of assembly, approved and commissioned by the governor, at the annual meeting of the legislature; that they hold their appointments during the period elected for, and their good behaviour; and that they find reasonable security, for a faithful discharge of their duty,"