

ea was offered for a lodging ; the story is related with its pathetic circumstances, by an eye-witness, who concludes by enquiring whether there is not a health-officer at Quebec, paid for attending on vessels and persons of the above description ; and the editor of the paper adds that the facts are but too true. Now let us listen to the detestable attempt which this health-officer makes in the next paper, to shake the blame from off his guilty shoulders. With the most savage audaciousness, this is what he writes :

“Mr. Editor. In explanation of an implied censure contained in the last Mercury, the Health-officer begs to recall to the writer the words of his Excellency, the Governor in chief, at the closing of the last session of the legislature, where in he deploras “the paralyzed state the Executive Government was left in,” and generally pourtrays the consequences that must follow. The cause of the Executive being thus left, it is foreign to the present purpose even to glance at, suffice it to say, the effects are—imported disease, widely diffused through our suburbs—infection and death on our wharves.”

The first comment to be made on this is to expose, not in hieroglyphics, allegorically, or anagrammatically ; but in large capitals the name of this health-officer. Looking at the Quebec Almanack I see it is

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whose name I thus print at large, that all Canada may execrate the sordid & cold-blooded wretch. What, because you have not received the arrears of your salary, the duties of humanity, of your profession, and of your office, are to go undischarged ? the forlorn and suffering stranger is to be allowed to die on the wharves, and infection to be communicated to the whole population.—Nay, you have not even the bald and powerless excuse that you are uncertain of the ultimate payment : your own good sense, if you have any, must teach you that ultimate payment must be