

ing mind proves ruinous to the Country. Their stake in the Country is great. It is not their interest, nor can it be their wish to uphold the system. They can never as the heads of the Country, make use of the Colony, in the same manner that a Man does who takes a farm at a rack-rent. No, they are not Men, who, under the mask of charity and respectability, lurk in the bosom of society, wounding the People that nourish them, and shedding around them misery and despair.

We beg those readers who are strangers in the Country, may be pleased to inquire, what was the situation of this Colony during the years reasonable fees were charged, and when Government had to defray, by cash payments, the expense of surveying their lands. They will, we make no doubt, be told, that every Man, except the drunkard, or the indolent, was as unacquainted with poverty, as he was unaccustomed to the visits of the Sheriffs, or their deputies; the Ports of Great Britain were open for our produce, at least for such part of it, as the Lower Canadian Merchants were, from the scanty supply afforded by their friends in the States, under the necessity of purchasing; but now that the Ports are closed; now when a Farmer cannot raise upon an improved Estate, sufficient to defray the charges of his labourers; now when it cannot be denied, that the transportation of any quantity of Flour or Pork from this Town, to the most convenient Lands Government has to "*bestow*," costs more than the transportation of an equal quantity would amount to, in sending it to England, and from England to the West Indies. Is it honourable? Is it just? Is it humane to subject the stranger, who must have contributed largely in support of the Mother Country in her expensive