

province. In the next place, there are Mr. Thomas Walker of Montreal, and Mr. John Paterſon of Quebec, two eminent merchants of excellent understanding and character. The former of theſe was appointed a juſtice of the peace for the diſtrict of Montreal by governour Murray ; and while he acted in that office, was much reſpected for the integrity of his conduct in it by all ranks of people, and was extremely beloved by the Canadians, and conſidered by them as their patron and protector. He was, as every body knows, aſſaulted, and moſt cruelly wounded, and left for dead, by eight or nine armed ruſſians in diſguiſe, on the 6th of December, 1764, in conſequence (as is moſt probable,) of a diſpute he had had with ſome gentlemen of the 28th regiment of foot, who were then quartered at Montreal, concerning the manner of billeting the officers and ſoldiers on the inhabitants, and of the great zeal he had ſhewn to rectify ſome abuſes and oppreſſive practices in that buſineſs which had been the ſubject of much complaint at that time. His whole conduct on this occaſion ſhewed his courage and his publick ſpirit in endeavouring to correſt thoſe abuſes. But it was attended with many unfortunate conſequences to himſelf. Amongſt others it produced his diſmiſſion from the office of a juſtice of the peace by governour Murray, who had appointed him to it. This diſmiſſion was the effect of the governour's reſentment for ſome complaints

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