



DESCRIPTION

OF THE

MOLBAY DISEASE

THIS Infectious Disorder which was first discovered in the Parish of Molbay below Quebec, has pervaded almost the whole Province of Canada with such astonishing and destructive Rapidity, that from the *Cedars* above Montreal, to the place where it was first known, no situation seems exempt; although the Inhabitants of some Parishes are affected with it in a more general, and more virulent manner than others. The Isle of Jesus, and Parish of Laprairie suffer at present in the most severe manner from the pressure of this Malady; on Isle Jesus in particular it is not uncommon to see a whole Family infected at once, and sinking under its Effect, and there is scarcely any House entirely free from it.

THE Inhabitants of the new Settlements in the Vicinity of New-Johnstown, Cataraqui, Bay of Quanti, &c. are as yet strangers to this destructive disease, happy if these poor people by the Care of the Legislature through the Channel of the medical Faculty, may never experience its dreadful Effects. In general the first Symptom of the Disease, is a dryness of the Throat, and Fauces, most sensibly felt in the morning, accompanied with a slight Heat, but in the

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