

that parliament to take away that constitution,) were it not for the long delay that must necessarily attend such a proceeding, as well as the total uncertainty of its final success: a delay and uncertainty which are wholly incompatible with the onerous existence of the abuses that are daily felt by individuals, and the loss of money that is thus wrung from every class of the community here, and sent home to pay pensioners and placemen with whom we have nothing to do.

Upon the whole therefore, the second suggestion, namely, the establishment of a concurrent provincial post, is that which seems to me, most politically advisable to be followed, as well as most likely to produce an early and decisive remedy of the grievances to which I have called the attentions of the public, and of the legislature

The subject is not yet exhausted. The anomaly of the existence in a country having a legislature of its own, of a privilege that is intended for the sole benefit of the revenue in another; and a power that has been exercised with capricious despotism; is a circumstance that must strike every one with its dangerous tendency; particularly as that privilege, and that power, as well as the persons exercising them, can not be questioned, altered, controuled, or punished, in case of malversation and abuse, by any authority here; for the governor himself has no power to remove or change, even a letter-carrier.

My private complaints of the misconduct of the deputy-post-master-general, and his agents, are before the public; and every day adds to my knowledge of the arbitrary and unprincipled mode in which he exercises his deputed power; farther instances of which I adduce in a note.\* Is such a man, or

\* *The letter which I mentioned in No. 79 of the Scribbler, as having been opened at the Quebec post office, was lamely excused as having been opened under pretence that, should there have been any bank notes in it, they might have returned them to the right owner. Now I tell them that I know that Mr. Cowan was the person who opened the letter, and the real cause why he did so, and Mr. Sutherland himself took a copy of it, which he now holds. Other letters are missing from the Quebec post-office, both communications from correspondents, and letters of business; and one or two I have received that, having been originally sealed with wafers, have been opened and sealed again with wax, with the impression of a quarter dollar; which letters, my correspondents inform me, had nothing but the wafer in them when put into the post-office. Citizens of Quebec! you know enough of me to know that my words, are the words of truth, and will pass current where the oaths of others particularly of such men as Mr. Sutherland (whereby hangs a tale which*