

That this article is entirely in favour of the Rich against the Poor. If they are the ordinary Juries ; Ye poor men, what will become of your families when you are forced to leave your work, for a part of the year, to go and decide causes which in no way concern you ? You already complain at being compelled to interrupt your work when you are summoned for Criminal Affairs, which occurs six times in the year. What would be the result if you were obliged to take part in every sitting ? Some one perhaps will say that this is done in London, and it can therefore be done in this country. But let such a one compare the number of citizens in London, amounting to about three hundred thousand men, with twelve hundred which, at the most, is all that you are in this town and its suburbs. He will then see that you would be obliged to be present at the sittings, two hundred and fifty times for every time that a citizen of London need appear. Judge from this if you have any other trade to carry on, what would become of your families.

If the Juries are special ones (and in consequence remunerated) what poor man is there who could contend against a rich oppressor who has unjustly seized his property ; and who, to crush him, may demand a Jury (which could not be refused him) would not this force the poor man to the alternative of giving up his cause, or of being totally ruined if he loses. Complaints are now being made of the expense which Justice entails. Who will be able to afford it, when the payment of twelve Jurors is to be added ? Would not this close the door of the Sanctuary of Justice to the poor ?

ART. VIII.
Requested.

That the Sheriffs shall be elected by the House, approved and commissioned by the Governor, &c.

Replied.

That if the Sheriff nominated by the House does not please the Governor, what will become of the administration of the Laws of Justice ? Will not a time of anarchy in consequence ensue, prejudicial to the public interests.

ART. IX.
Requested.

That no civil Officer shall be suspended from his office by the Governor without the consent of the Council, &c.

ART. X.
Requested.

That no new civil Office shall be created by the Governor without the consent of the Council, &c.

ART. XI.
Requested.

That all positions of trust shall be filled by the persons themselves, &c.

Requested.

That the three preceding articles would be admissible time and place considered.

ART. XII.
Replied.

That Judges shall be appointed for the Courts of the Province, and that they shall have fixed and sufficient stipends.

Replied.

That it is right to have Judges to administer Justice, and that they ought to have stipends sufficient to live suitably to