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The measure for wine and Spirits should be the English wine Gallon and that for Beer should be the English Beer Gallon.

The Weights used in Towns and public markets and in Shops and Ware-Houses should be the English Avoirdupois weight. The Quintal or Hundred weight to be one hundred and twelve pounds of that weight. Such Officer should keep all those measures and weights in his possession for a Standard and have power and be obliged to examine and Stamp all weights and Measures on being paid a reasonable allowance for his trouble, and a fine sufficient to prevent evil practices, should be levied on all persons using unstamped or deficient weights and measures. Provided nevertheless that any person making his election to use French weights or the French Liquid or timber measure, such should be made in a different form and of different materials from the English for a plain distinction and regulated also by the proper Officer to the Standards.

Article 20th "Whether or not we should apply for a Charter incorporating "a select number of Citizens on some good and approved plan, with power "to make Bye Laws decide civil and Criminal causes under certain restrictions, whether under the stile and title of Recorder, Mayor Alderman, "and Common Council of the City and County of Quebec and the Precincts "and liberties thereof, or under any other Denomination ?

Observation The wretched state of the Police of the City of Quebec is too obvious to need Explanation: The Regulations that are made however useful and proper are but little attended to, and ill executed, the Magistracy is unconnected without a head, and without inferior Officers to put the Laws in force, their mandates want efficacy and do not enforce subordination in the people.¹

There is, there can be no remedy but a chief Magistrate with subordinate Officers to put the Laws in force and keep up peace and good order in the Towns.—A Charter to incorporate the City of Quebec for the above and other good purposes would, We humbly apprehend, be attended with salutary effects.

Article 21st "And a like Charter for the City of Montréal."

Observation It appears to us that the City of Montréal being under the like predicament with that of Quebec, would also be much benefited by a like Charter, of which however they are the proper Judges.

Article 22^d "The establishing of Schools and Seminaries for the Education of Youth, from those funds now unemployed as well in England as in this province, and particularly a respectable College in this City, with able Professors, and erecting free Schools at convenient distances throughout this extensive province, for the purpose of opening and enlarging the

¹ During the session of 1777 an Ordinance was passed, 17 Geo. III., cap. 15, "To empower the Commissioners of the Peace to regulate the Police of the Towns of Quebec and Montreal for a limited time." The preamble declared it impossible, owing to the advanced state of the session, to form a permanent Police for these towns, hence only very general and indefinite powers were granted. Nevertheless this ordinance was simply renewed, without amendment, every two years, until 1791.