

much encouraged in this place.* I found out, however, that he had another object then in view, which was to get a petition signed to procure the *exclusive* privilege of navigating steam-boats between Campbell-town and Mount-Royal.

In front of me, three youths were seated round a punch bowl, one of whom distinguished himself by rehearsing in a most laughably incorrect manner, some select passages from Shakespeare. Three well dressed men, who, by their conversation, appeared to be smugglers, were alternately engaged in perfuming the apartment by the exhalations of their pipes, and in emptying the glasses of gin before them, whistling, as soon as each glass was drank off, to have it replenished. In the intervals of these ceremonies, they were laying down plans for the prosecution of their business; the eldest thought it would not be prudent to carry so much tea in the steam-boat; another was of opinion that the tobacco and cigars had better be taken to Long-Island, and crossed in the night, or deposited on Nunnery-Island; the third considered the house on the common too small to conceal many goods, and proposed letting a house of his own to the company for that purpose. This conversation was interrupted by the entrance of several stage-drivers, who sat down with the three last mentioned personages, to cards: they played a game which I think they called Yankee loo, in which I was politely invited to join, but declined the in-

* It was probably with a view to give employment to gentlemen of this description, that the absurd and impracticable project, which was dignified with the appellation of *Moral Police*, and which was as execrable in principle as it would have been ridiculous in its application, was suggested a short-time ago here, by an eminent presbyter of the kirk, who is noted for his anxiety to curry favour with the would-be great folks. But that plan, having been consigned to its proper place, darkness and oblivion, perhaps the association for the suppression of smuggling, (don't laugh!) may have been partly actuated in their resolutions by a desire to afford bread to such meritorious individuals as may be fit for the honorable offices of spies, informers and tale-bearers. *Vide Rules and Regulations of the Gaquet-Society, L. L. M.*