

that so lamentable a degree of ideotism should have prevailed in a body, which I have always wished to consider, as one of the most uncontaminated organs of public feeling in this, or any country blessed with the laws of England. It is true the Grand Jury, whence it emanates, is only the Grand Jury of the petty court of the quarter sessions of the peace; but it is on that account the more surprising, as I should have looked for more independency of spirit, in the classes whence generally that jury is selected, than in the higher ranks, out of which the Grand Juries of the superior courts are taken. But, before I have done with this Grand Jury I shall be able to tell a tale of how, and by what influence, it has been formed. It is, however, time to proceed to perpetuate this curious record.

“The Grand Jury of the District of Quebec have made the following Presentment:—

District of } Quebec : }	GENERAL SESSION OF THE PEACE, January, 1823.
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The Jurors for our lord the King, upon their oath present:—

That there is published in the District of Quebec, and throughout the province, a paper called “*The Scribbler*,” in which many most respectable persons are portrayed in odious and unmerited characters; and malignant designs and evil actions, incompatible with the known tenor of their conduct, and having no other foundation than the fictions of calumny, are imputed to them.

That when it is considered that in that paper there is no one contribution to useful knowledge—that it is confined altogether to personal invective—that its censures invariably transgress the bounds of legitimate satire—no doubt remains that the aim of “*The Scribbler*” is, to disturb the tranquility of families.

That the Grand Jury, in pursuance of that duty which requires the repression of every attempt to diminish the well-being of society, do present the paper called “*The Scribbler*,” as containing a series of false and most malignant libels, wherein the good name and fame of many persons, who are well known to be among the most deserving characters in