

become quiet and contented, but he has set all the bad people to disturb us again." I, as nearly as possible, quote his exact words: in fact, your Report is very generally and very justly considered a public nuisance!

You intimate, erroneously as usual, that

"It is the wish of this Province that it should be allowed to make use of New York as a port of entry. At present, *the rate of duty upon all goods coming from the United States, whatever may be their nature or the port in Europe from which they may have been shipped, is such as to compel all importers to receive the articles of their trade through the St. Lawrence, the navigation of which river opens generally several weeks later than the time at which goods may be obtained in all parts of Upper Canada bordering upon Lake Ontario, by way of Oswego. The dealer, therefore, must submit to an injurious delay in his business, or must obtain his goods in the autumn, and have his capital LYING DEAD FOR SIX MONTHS!!!*"

Now without adverting to the impolicy of the preposterous and unstatesmanlike remedies for these alleged but non-existing evils, suggested by your Lordship, which has been made a subject of just and severe animadversion by a committee of our House of Assembly, I beg to observe that this short extract from your romance is replete with error and falsehood.—The navigation of the St. Lawrence *does not open several weeks* later than that of the Oswego and Erie Canals (the difference scarcely ever exceeds three, and seldom one or two weeks); and goods from New York must pass through these canals ere they can reach Oswego. The merchant of Upper Canada who obtains his goods in the autumn (as all our merchants wish to do, as well as in the spring) must NOT *"have his capital lying dead for six months;"* for it is in the WINTER that his greatest and most profitable business is transacted; the inhabitants of the back settlements being then only able to