

“landlords or factors*, but that all the people were “happy, and on an equal footing, and that there were “no rents paid there.” One of them also read a letter from a settler in Canada, exhorting his countrymen “to “throw off the yoke of bondage and the shackles of “slavery, and to quit the land of Egypt and come to “this land of Canaan:” adding, “How can I say “otherwise when I never knew what actual freedom or “the spirit of equality was till I came to Canada? We “have wholesome laws and impartial judges; we have “the blessings of the gospel, and peace in the midst of “plenty.—Here are no landlord, no factor, no threaten- “ing for your rents at Martinmas.”

“Such appears then,” says the Reporter, “to be the “train of sentiments, such the deceitful hopes, and “*seditions* discontents, which the emigrant traders make “a liberal use of.”—He goes on to comment on the cir- cumstances above noticed, and to observe that “when “this traffic draws into its service the preaching of sedi- “tion, and *even* the *calumniating* landlords, *factors*, “and still more the magistracy of the country, in such “a way as to irritate the people, and thereby put the “public peace in hazard, there is at common law, full “power vested in the magistrate to restrain and punish “such irregularities.”

Those who will not take the trouble of investigating the real origin and effective causes of any evil they observe, are generally inclined to cut the Gordian knot by some such short hand remedy as this gentleman hints at. A more accurate examination would have shown him, that the circumstances on which he insists as the prime

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