

voieront seront sous le pouvoir des habitans, qui extorqueront ce qu'il leur plaira, et qui ne meneront que quand ils voudront.

Un peu d'attention à ce sujet, disposera ceux qui ont coutume de passer les Maisons de Poste, de faire à l'avenir comme ils voudroient qu'on leur fit.

La pitoïable considération d'épargner quelques sols, et le motif intéressé de se procurer un peu plus d'aïssance, disparaîtront en considérant, que la pratique dont on se plaint, privera le public à la fin des avantages provenans d'une Poste bien réglée.

HUGH FINLAY.

POST-OFFICE, 10th December, 1783.

THE Gentlemen who travel frequently between *Quebec* and *Montreal*, know that the Post is a most useful and convenient establishment; without it there would be great delay and much imposition on the road: indeed there would be no getting forward at certain times and seasons, viz. in plowing time, seed time, and in harvest, and in all seasons when the weather is bad, in dark nights, and when the roads are deep.

The Maitres de Poste have long complained of an injurious practice which has crept in, and which encreasess

In the seasons when the country people have but little to do, some Gentlemen, to save a penny or two pence per league, or to save themselves from the trouble of changing carriages often, engage habitans to carry them four, six, or eight leagues on a stretch, passing the Post-houses. The Maitres de Poste observe, that they are obliged to keep a certain number of horses, and provide proper carriages, but that their horses stand idle in their stables at great expence whilst the habitans are permitted to take the bread out of their mouths, when the weather is fine and the roads good;