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CASTLE ST. LEWIS,
Quebec, 7th February, 1829.

Sir,

I am commanded by His Excellency the Administrator of the Government, to inform you, for the information of the Committee of Trade, that their last Memorial on the subject of the Vice Admiralty Court, having been communicated to Mr. Justice Kerr, and he having reported that he had no further observations to make on the subject of it, His Excellency is to refer the matter for the consideration of His Majesty's Government.

I have, &c. &c. &c.

(Signed,) C. YORKE,
Secretary.

Wm. Finlay, Esquire.

A true Copy,

H. Craig, Secretary.

[No. 5.]

Quebec, 9th May, 1829.

Sir,

I take leave to solicit the attention of His Excellency the Administrator of the Government to a paper entitled "Report of the Committee of the House of Assembly on the Petition of B. C. A. Gagy, Esq. in relation to Mr. Justice Kerr," which appeared in the *Montreal Gazette published by Authority*, on the 4th inst.

So far as I am *personally* implicated in this report, I can say with truth that I feel quite unconcerned. But having some weeks ago observed in the same Newspaper a Report of a Committee of the Assembly in an accusation preferred against Mr. Justice Fletcher published under similar circumstances, together with strictures on the conduct of that Judge, which are calculated to prejudice the public opinion in the matter now depending before the House, and to lessen the general confidence in the Administration of Justice, I feel it my duty to bring the conduct of Mr. Armour, the Printer, under the view of His Excellency.—It may perhaps be proper to observe that for above half a century after the conquest of Quebec, no other newspaper was edited within the Province but one under the sanction of Government, till in the year 1826, when a gentleman of the name of Turner, residing at Montreal, was appointed to the office of King's Printer, and who then issued a Paper called "*The Montreal Gazette, published by authority*," which was surmounted by the King's Arms. Mr. Turner, was the year following succeeded by the present Printer, Mr. Armour, and a Commission was granted to him under the Province Seal, which recites as the moving cause to his appointment, namely, his *loyalty, integrity, and prudence*. If this Gazette had received no impression to distinguish it from other Newspapers, however much I might regret