

at the expiration of that time ; but, whether sooner or later, the consequences are, that such men being again let loose to prey on society, as they must ultimately be, not only they will, in all probability, perpetrate still greater crimes than those from the consequences of which they have thus, by chance, escaped; but other felons will be encouraged to hope for the same good luck ; and no one can be safe ; burglaries, robberies, and every species of depredation upon our property will encrease, (and in fact have most deplorably of late encreased,) so that no one can duly appreciate what may be the consequences of these lamentable and unwarrantable instances of neglect, ignorance, and mistake

I hope, my lord, you will feel convinced, that although I have been warm and strong in my language of remonstrance, my personal esteem for your lordship's excellent qualities, is not diminished by the indignation I feel for the evil that arises from having evil counsellors about you.

I have the honour to be, Mr LORD,

Your lordship's most obedient
humble servant,

Montreal, 6th Feb. 1822.

SCRUTATOR.

It is to be regretted that the speech of the Hon. John Caldwell in the Legislative Council, on the debate on the subject of the projected union, has not been made public. It is stated to have been one of the most argumentative and emphatic, that has been pronounced on that important question. It was distinguished by the faithful and gratifying picture he presented of the Canadians ; a simple but virtuous, a loyal but free, a religious but liberal, people, worthy of the confidence and protection of that empire, of which they form an important part. From the mouth of Mr. Caldwell, these sentiments come with peculiar force, being those of an enlightened and disinterested man. An union, amongst other objections, would, he conceives, give us too much connection with our southern neighbours ; a connection which would entail upon us the loss of all our moral and political virtue ; make of us, first *Bostonois*, (and the Canadians know well the reproach that is conveyed in that term,) then rebels, and finally republicans and enemies of England.

Mr. Caldwell, along with many others, who think with him, especially his virtuous and independent coadjutors in the Council, the Hon James Cuthbert, and the Hon. Tho. Coffin, (and I mention these three gentlemen in particular, because it is remarkable that they are, as it were, representatives in the Council of the English interest, coming from the three districts of Lower Canada, Quebec, Three Rivers, and Montreal, in which their respective residencies, and properties are,) are neverthe-