

gain you will be deceived. It is not the men, it is the system that blasts every hope of good, and till that system is overturned, it is in vain to expect any thing of value from change of representatives or Governor." See letter dated April 2, 1818.

There are some inconsistencies too glaring, some assertions too malignant, and some reasoning too fallacious to require refutation ; yet when the cause of truth, liberty or religion is concerned, exposure may be necessary, exposure may be even desirable.

In Oct. 1817, the people of Canada are " free of those influences which war against the principles of the Constitution, and counteract its most benevolent designs."

In a few short months, like Hamlet's mother, all this change is effected, at least published by you, and yet you say for three years preceeding, this corrupt influence, this Fara of Government has been carrying on, for three sessions our Legislators have given sanction to this monstrous, this hideous abuse, and nothing can be effected by change of Governors, Lords or Commons.

I ne'er hear'd yet

That any of the bolder vices wanted
Less impudence to gainsay what they did,
Than to perform it first.

Oh ! Glorious standard of Political consistency ! Oh matchless proof of the sincerity of your Elementary ethics.

We are ordered by the Mosaic law, not to set up any Brazen images to ourselves ; how the good people of the Western District can reconcile their worship of you, with the commands of the decalogue, I leave for them to determine.

" Well, time is the old justice that examines all such offenders." You say " it has been the cant of time immemorial to make mystery of the art of Government. The folly of the million and the cunning of the few in power, have equally strengthened the reigning belief, but it is false, deceitful and ruinous. The people of every nation may at any time put down either domestic tyranny or abuse. They may at any time lay a simple foundation for public prosperity, they have only to be honest and in their honesty bold."

Here sir, you have passed the Rubicon. Here you have attained the grave climacteric of Revolutionary ambition : Here is the renewal of the old cry of Revolutionary France, Egalite.

You appeal to the ignorant, rouse the inanimate and insidiously promulgate supposititious oppressions, that you may invigorate the irresolute and instigate the tranquil, with the most pro-