

purposes of prostitution, which is carried on to a frightful extent. Last summer the city was visited by the scourge of small-pox, which carried off hundreds of Indians. Out of one hundred and three cases which happened to come within my personal knowledge, but three recovered. The provisions made by the authorities for the protection of the Indians during the prevalence of this frightful scourge were infamously bad. After numbers of deaths had occurred, the sum of ten dollars was expended in the erection of a tent, open at the sides, to which the poor creatures were taken from the town in carts, and left to die or recover as chance, and the negligence of a deserter from the American army, hired as their attendant, would have it. Hundreds of bodies were left on the rocks outside the harbour unburied, and you can imagine how disease was fostered by such a course of proceeding. Again, as regards the trial of Indians accused of crime, their defence is a mere matter of chance: if they happen to have money, they in most cases retain counsel; if not, sometimes the Court assigns them counsel, but then it is only after the prisoner is arraigned and has pleaded, and counsel knows nothing of the man, and