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Non videmus mantice quod in tergo est.

CATULLUS.

We see not in the front, what's done or meant behind.

"I can not forbear saying one word upon a *thing* they call a *bank*, which I hear is projecting in this town. I never saw the proposals, nor understand any one particular of their scheme: what I wish for, at present, is only a sufficient provision of *hemp*, and *caps and bells*, to distribute according to the several degrees of *honesty* and *prudence* in certain persons."

SWIFT.

ABSTRACT and REVIEW of PARLIAMENTARY PROCEEDINGS of LOWER CANADA.

(Continued from No. 38.)

On Monday the 13th Jan. after some routine business, Mr. Taschereau presented to the House of assembly the report of the commissioners for interior communications for the county of Dorchester, and that part of the county of Buckinghamshire, which is in the district of Quebec.*

Upon a petition being presented by Mr. Ogden, from Tho-

* By the provincial statute 57 Geo. III. c. 13. passed 22d March 1817, the sum of £55,000 currency was granted for "the improvement of the internal communications of the province, which are of general interest, and which, under the existing laws, can not be effected; that is to say, to open or finish new roads leading from district to district, to open or improve the new roads leading from this province to other British colonies, to open or finish such new roads as it may be of general interest throughout a district to open or finish, to erect bridges over great rivers, to shorten or make new roads for the purpose of postroads, to improve or diminish the steepness of considerable hills or slopes occurring on the old highways, to improve the navigation of the rivers, and also the beaches of rivers, by constructing dams, canals, or other works for the purpose, and to procure plans, statements and estimates of such other works as it may be expedient to perform for establishing hereafter other communications." It is a general complaint that, in the six years that have elapsed since this act was passed, and commissioners appointed, notwithstanding the extensive nature of their