Is Impressment of Seamen in time of War, in England, necessary and justifiable?

Does Phrenology deserve to be reckoned amongst the Sciences? Are the Pleasures of Hope greater than those of Memory? Is the Genius of Shakspeare evinced more in his Tragedies than in

his Comedies?

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Is Gaming more dangerous and pernicious than Drunkenness? Ought Punishment by Death to be abolished?

Was Mary, Queen of Scots, cognizant of the death of her husband, and guilty of the other crimes with which she is charged?

Was the English Parliament justifiable in taking Arms against Charles the First ?

Has the World been a gainer by the successes of those usually denominated Heroes?

Is the poetry of Byron superior to that of Moore? Was Cromwell a friend to the Liberties of England?

That these Debates have added greatly to our information who can doubt? Subjects of the most interesting nature which involved many passages of Ancient and Modern History, which raised discussion on points of casuistry, international Law, and the Literary character, cannot have been agitated without producing much benefit both to the speakers and auditors. That these Debates, besides their accustoming us to public business have exercised a beneficial influence on our conduct, must be equally admitted. Many of us walk in different paths of life, many of us are running a race of rivalry; and in a city like Montreal, where we are all known, either personally or by repute one to the other prejudices frequently will spring up, kind friends may represent us unfavourably, and unpleasant feelings arise between two persons merely because they are unacquainted with each other. In our intercourse here we rub off these narrow little prejudices, we judge for ourselves, and kindly sentiments supplant ungenerous suspicions. Union by degrees grows up amongst us; and though I do not wish to introduce politics into the peaceful recesses of Literature, or to make any manifestation of party