

INTRODUCTION.

TO THE FREEHOLDERS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF ARGENTEUIL.

GENTLEMEN,

I have written the following pages with a direct view to the accomplishment of two material objects; to vindicate the innocent from the groundless aspersions of calumny and falsehood, and to convince you, if possible, of the expediency and practicability to Lower Canada of the Municipal and Education acts. I regret that circumstances would not permit my dwelling upon the ^aletter to that length its transcendant importance demands. I have, however, furnished the hints, and I hope you will exercise the requisite reflection. In this work, I ask you not to take my word for a particle of anything said. My appeal throughout is to facts which cannot be resisted, and I have employed arguments so plain that sophistry cannot refute them.

I perhaps owe you an apology for taking so much notice of the author of the pamphlet of which this purports to be a review. Though the writer of that production is contemptible through insignificance, yet the baseness of the man cannot affect the reasonings of the author. He is, moreover, the ^{mouth}~~man~~piece of a combination, and *his* assertions must be regarded as *their* fabrications. The work is intended to deceive the ^{unwary}~~memory~~ and to gull the simple. Every lover of order in society and of harmony in the operations of a government will feel it a duty imperative to expose the dishonesty of *such* an attempt.

I have no pecuniary design in view. I transfer the M. S. with the responsibility of its publication to an individual who is more than a little concerned in the subject on which it treats. I have no ambition to appear as an author, nor can I condescend to the meanness of using an anonymous signature, and afterwards send-