

“ what I trust is your own opinion, that my conduct has been unblameable. What then could induce your Excellency to give me such an instance of your anger, I will not even presume to think, but shall be ready in every honourable way to deprecate it; and I do intreat that I may have that common justice done to me, of being informed of what I am accused; and before you finally condemn me, of being heard in my justification by *you*; for of your honour I think, and ever did think myself assured, and am certain of my own innocency and uprightness, and of my respectful thoughts of you and towards you.

“ I have the honour to be,

“ With the truest respect,

“ Your Excellency's most humble

“ And most obedient servant,

“ PETER LIVIUS.

*Quebec, May 1, 1778.*

“ *His Excellency Sir Guy Carleton, K. B. &c.*”

To this letter, moderate and respectful as it must appear, a verbal reply only was returned by the bearer of it, “ that there was no answer.” It is owing to this denial of the knowledge of the charge against him, that he may not perhaps be able to give your Lordships the same information, as if he had known it while he was yet in that country, and proofs were in his power; yet your  
Lordships