

Argue the point, shew their defects; and point out the excellencies of your own code; as soon as we are convinced by your arguments, we will adopt them; but do not, because either you are deficient in the powers of conviction; or we, if you will have it so, possessed of an inconvenient degree of obstinacy, force us to be of your opinion; for

"He that's convinced against his will,
Is of the same opinion still."

That most of the British, whether settlers, or only sojourners in Canada, can not comprehend, and detest, the French laws; and that in particular the British agriculturists hold them in terror, I admit; Nay, I am ready to add, that, with reference to their own habits, feelings, and perceptions of right and wrong, they are justified in detesting them; yet the question here again occurs, what right have the few, the transitory, the inexperienced minority, who have, or ought to have, come among us with a knowledge that such were our laws, and which must, in that respect, be said to be laws of their own choice, to dictate to the majority, the many, the permanent, the old inhabitants of the country.

Z's, I see, of the same opinion as I am, which I expressed in No. 4, that in the townships, settled by emigrants from Great Britain or elsewhere, and where the land is granted in free and common soccage, the French civil laws of Canada, not only ought not to prevail, but that it is improperly, illegally, and contrary to the constitution, that their operation has been extended beyond the limits of the seignories. On this subject, however, as well as on that relative to the proposed introduction of the English language as that of the legislature of Lower Canada, after fifteen years, which well deserves an essay of itself, my space will not allow me to dilate, and I must therefore defer what I have further to say, on Z's letter, till another opportunity.

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The Quebec Mercury, very properly, asks why the intended Union of the two provinces, is spoken of as a Re-union; what has been contemplated, is the union of the two legislatures only; and when were they ever united, to justify the term re-union? But the unionists want to cover their projects of innovation and abolition, under the veil of restoration; and this word is one of their minor artifices, to mislead the public. Away with such mummery, and affectation! But we must excuse them, their cause is too rotten not to need the foreign aid of ornament.

Some of the readers of the Free Press, having expressed dissatisfaction at the use made, in No's 2, and 3, of picknames of