

due. Since January 1831, Mr. *Stayner* has refused to take a note as usual, payable at the end of the quarter, and insists upon cash.

What has been the result of the Law proceedings, or in what state are they at present?—The writ was taken out after last October Term, returnable 1st February 1831. Messrs. *Ogden* and *Buchanan* appeared and obtained from me, as the Advocate of my Father, to the last day of the Term, to file the plea in consequence of Mr. *Ogden* being detained by accident at *Quebec*. I cannot say whether it is now filed or not. The action is in damages for £100, and may be tried in vacation.

Have there been any offers of arrangement between your Father and Mr. *Stayner*?—None, that I am aware of. There was a correspondence before the action was instituted between my Father and Mr. *Stayner*, wherein my Father stated that he would be more inclined to submit to the demand for transmitting the Newspapers, if, like the other Printers, he enjoyed his share of Printing for the Department, which enabled them more easily to pay their accounts, and of which printing my Father had formerly enjoyed a share. It was however stated, that the enjoyment of such a share of the printing should not at all influence the expression of the Editors on the subject of the Mail arrangement.

Mr. *John Cady*, Livery Stable-Keeper, at *Quebec*, called in; and examined :

Are you Contractor for carrying the Mail between *Quebec* and *Montreal*?—Yes, with *Samuel Hough*.

How long have you been concerned in the Contract?—I have been employed in carrying the Mail since 1812.

What is the present rate of the Contract per league?—The Contract is not per league, but £325 per quarter, for carrying the Mail to *Montreal* five times a week, and also for carrying it off the route to *L'Assomption*.

What was the rate of the Contract before this last one?—I forget.

Did you give in Tenders for this last Contract?—Yes.