

themselves aggrieved by my writings, such, whenever I have received them, have been immediately attended to, and have occupied a prominent station under the blue cover.

The following letter, therefore, claims precedence of others.

MR. SCRIBBLER,

(For I have seen you addressed by so many names, that I do not know which is the right one,) I have read in your No. 112, an article on the subject of *burning the pope in effigy*; which ceremony is asserted to have taken place, on the 5th day of last Nov. at Chambly, and the assertion is supported, by a letter on the same subject, signed Scrutator, and dated from that place on the 10th of the same month. The principles upon which you profess to conduct your publication, give me the right of this appeal to your candour, for a place in your next number; and I confess that I make such appeal, without any fear of a refusal. For the substance of that letter, and the language in which it is expressed, proclaim it to be, indeed, a communication from some correspondent at Chambly, and *not* the offspring of your own inventive satire. I am not disposed to dispute, that truth, though unpleasant, may, sometimes, be wholesome, and I have no more right to doubt your assertion, that you always publish the truth, than I have, reason to suppose you would claim the coarse and vulgar production* in ques-

* Allowing these epithets to stand, (having expunged some similar expressions,) I beg leave to hint that the application of such, is an impeachment of the judgement of the editor in admitting communications that are "coarse, vulgar," and "stupid." I do not, for my own part, see how they are applicable to the letter in question: for, supposing the facts, stated.