

But let the reader attend to the following argument. The writer observes (p. 11, 12.) "The 5th section enacts that the inhabitants of each Parish or Township (why omit *Municipality* in the quotation ?) shall elect seven persons duly qualified to vote to be Counsellors," &c., and then follows the *therefore* of this profound logician, this *not very immaculate* De La Ronde. "The Council so elected, not having the power to form a *quorum* of less than the whole number (seven) it follows, as a matter of course, that any rules, regulations, &c. imposed by such Counsellors, less in number than the *whole*, are null and void." What a profundity of legal wisdom must centre in the cranium of this pettifogging Notary ! In the second part of the Act, 8th Vic. Cap. 40, Sec. 57, it is enacted in reference to Town, Village or Borough Councils, "that in case of the Mayor's absence from the Council, his place shall be filled by a temporary Chairman elected by the members of the Council then present ; and the *quorum* of any such Council shall be *an absolute majority of the total number of Counsellors*, including the Mayor." It will be seen from the 53 section of the same Act, "that until any Town or Village shall be *actually separated* from the Parish or Township," the Council of the Parish shall have the same powers over such Village or Town as are conferred in any Village or Town, (including of course, the privilege of a *quorum* as above quoted.) The 19th section also fully provides for every possible contingency of this nature. I quote it entire : "And be it enacted, that in case of a vacancy in the office of such Counsellor, Functionary, or Officer, by reason of his death or permanent absence from the Parish, Township, or Municipality, *or of his absence for more than six months*, or serious illness or incapacity happening after his election or appointment, such vacancy shall be filled either by election at a general meeting called as aforesaid, or by the Council, as the case may require." The phrase, "*of his absence for more than six months*," separated as it is by the disjunctive *or* from the other members of the sentence, shows clearly that Counsellors may be absent without the assignment of any particular reason, and yet the proceedings of a *quorum* be strictly *legal*. I readily grant that the 17th section inflicts a penalty on those *refusing to serve after their election*, but that in no way affects the strength of my argument.

The next objection of the pamphleteer, relates to the *name* of the Corporation. He argues that the corporate powers extend only to Parishes and Townships. After digressing from the subject, and indulging in his favourite and inimitable *native* vulgarity over the whole of page 13th, he draws the following inference, page 14th, "the Municipal Council of the Municipality of Argenteuil, so