

made an atonement to his mind, by unequivocally confessing the fact) consented to become his agent, and to administer poison to the sick! Opium at night was distributed in gra-ving food, the wretched unsuspecting victims banquetted, and in a few hours—five hundred and eighty soldiers, who had suffered so much for their country, perished thus miserably by the order of its idol!

“Is there a Frenchman whose blood does not chill with horror at the recital of such a fact? Surely the manes of these murdered, unoffending people must be now hovering round the seat of Government.

“If a doubt should still exist as to the veracity of this statement, let the Members of the Institute at Cairo be asked, what passed in the Sitting after the return of Bonaparte from Syria: they will relate, that the same virtuous Physician, who refused to become the destroyer of his Countrymen, accused Bonaparte of high treason, in full assembly, against the honour of France, her children, and humanity; that he entered into the full details of the poisoning of the sick, and the massacre of the garri-son, aggravating these crimes, by charging Bonaparte with strangling, previously, at Rosetta, a number of French and Copts who were ill of the Plague; thus proving, that this disposal of the sick was a premeditated plan. In vain Bonaparte attempted to justify himself;† the Members

† Bonaparte pleaded, that he ordered the garri-son to be destroyed, because he had not provisions to maintain them, or strength enough to guard them, and he destroyed the sick to prevent contagion, and save themselves from falling into the hands of the Turks; but these arguments were refuted directly, and Bonaparte was obliged to rest his defence on the positions of Machiavel. When he afterwards left Egypt, the Scavans were so angry at being left behind, that they elected the Physician President of the Institute, an act which spoke for itself fully.

fat petrified with terror, and almost doubted whether the scene passing before their eyes was not illusion. There are records, which remain, and, which, in due season, will be produced. In the interim, this representation will be sufficient to stimulate inquiry; and Frenchmen, your honour is, indeed, interested in the examination.

“Let us hope, that in no country will there be found another man of such Machiavelian principles, as by sophistry to palliate such transactions.”

PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENT OF LOWER-CANADA.

Legislative Council Chamber.

Monday, 18th April, 1803.

THIS day His Excellency the Lieutenant GOVERNOR went in State to the Legislative Council, and being seated on the Throne with the usual solemnity, the Usher of the Black Rod was sent with a Message from His Excellency to the House of Assembly, signifying his pleasure, that they should immediately attend him in the Council Chamber. The Assembly being come thither accordingly, His Excellency was pleased to make the following SPEECH:

*Gentlemen of the Legislative Council, and
Gentlemen of the House of Assembly.*

YOUR deliberations upon the most material points that pressed upon your attention being now drawn to a conclusion, and the advancing Season strongly pointing to the propriety of suspending your public duties; I am desirous of terminating your labour for the present by closing this Session of the Provincial Parliament.

But I should very ill satisfy the feelings of my own mind, if I did this, without offering you my warmest acknowledgement for the prompt and