

openly declared that he thought they deserved to be hanged; and that thereupon one Salisbury Franks had answered with sharpness 'that it was not usual to hang 'people for such small offences, and that it was not worth 'while to do so,' and that he had repeated these words several times, and with a loud voice.

"WE, having regard to the said complaint, and considering that every good subject ought to look upon the said insult to His Majesty's bust as an act of the most atrocious nature, and as deserving of the utmost abhorrence; and that, therefore, all declarations made in conversation that tend to affirm it to be a small offence, ought to be esteemed criminal;

"Do, for these reasons, authorize and command you to convey the said Salisbury Franks to the prison of this town, to be there detained until he shall be thence discharged according to law. And for so doing, this warrant shall be your justification.

"Given at Montreal, under our hands and seals, on the third day of May, 1775.

"(Signed) JOHN FRASER.  
" JOHN MARTEILLE.  
" HERTEL DE ROUVILLE."

The warrant to the jailor to receive and detain him was as follows:—

"You are hereby ordered to receive the within mentioned prisoner, and keep him in custody till by law discharged.

"J. F (the initial letters of Judge Fraser's name).

"To Mr. Mackay, Gaol-Keeper."

The warrant for his discharge, on the ninth day of the same month, by the same magistrates, was as follows:—

"*District of Montreal.*

"By John Fraser, John Marteilhe, and René Ovide Hertel, Esquires, Conservators of the Peace in the said District, in the Province of Quebec.