

the Court; it is a master-piece of judicial eloquence; hear him! hear him! "Altho'" says he, "you have the right of making presentments against whomsoever you may see occasion; should any accusation be brought against any of the component members of this Court, so confident am I of their immaculacy, that you should reflect most deliberately before you listen to them." This address must make a lasting impression on the hearers as it is so well calculated for the meridian of Mount Royal, whilst it is delivered in the most impressive tone and with peculiar emphasis. Next on the bench you see the redoubted Mr. Von Slachterem, who possesses in an eminent degree all the qualifications (with the trifling exceptions of a clear head, a sound judgement and a good heart) which constitute the great lawyer and the upright magistrate. This gentleman's intimate acquaintance with civilized life, and his having never been engaged in party, render him a great acquisition to the bench. Besides, gentlemen, you will readily perceive that being himself still under bail to take his trial for atrocious crimes, no person could be fitter to sit in judgement upon petty offences. The third is a merchant (this republic follows the representative system even in their Courts) who by his industry, economy and stability has acquired a princely fortune; having successfully managed his own affairs, he now allows the public the benefit of part of his wonderful abilities, and, retiring from the pursuits of commerce, he fills one of the most honourable, though not the most lucrative, offices in the country.\* The last personage on the bench is Monsr. L'Eperron, who it is but justice to say, with moderate talents and little

\* Here the orator was interrupted by a shrill female voice, crying "buy any eggs! Want any butter? Butter and eggs, ho!"