

If the plaintiff has property to go through this process, he may be said to be able just to keep his ground; and his cause is in every respect precisely where it was at first. If he has not sufficient proof, the cause is lost, for want of fees; and he is no better than if he had never been able to have begun the suit.

We will however suppose that the defendant very good naturally writes his name; he is then entitled to a certain delay, during which, the court informs him, he must plead demur, or answer to the bill. When this time expires, he is entitled to a farther delay of four weeks. But though he is entitled to this farther delay, and neither the plaintiff nor the court can refuse it, still he must employ a solicitor to make a brief for counsel; and this solicitor must attend the counsel, and give him and his client their fees, for moving the court for this delay, which cannot be refused. The counsel must attend the court-martials the morrow; the solicitor must attend the court, and pay for the order, copy, and copy, and then must cause it to be served.

At the end of this term of four weeks, the defendant is entitled to a farther delay of three weeks; which again cannot be refused. But he must pay his solicitor for drawing and engraving a petition for that purpose, and the petition must be presented, and answered; for which he must pay; he must also pay for order, entry, copy, and service. At the end of these three weeks he is in the same manner entitled to a further delay of two weeks; but the same cause must be acted over again, to obtain it. And a very solemn cause is it to the parties, a very ridiculous cause to the officers of the court, and a very ridiculous cause to every body else.

In, during all this time, the defendant had slept paying, or the solicitor had slept writing, the same process, which was used to compel his appearance, must have been repeated: to wit, *cavil*, *extortion*, *coercion*, *rebellion*, and *sedition*. But we have arrived at the time when this defendant is in duty bound to answer to the bill; and here if he does not answer, then, *cavil*, *extortion*, *rebellion*, and *sedition* again.

These terms must be explained to the reader; and this is the best opportunity to do it. For the cause still remaining precisely where it was at first, we may suppose it sufficiently at rest, not to move during the explanation. A *cavil* is an order, to take the man, and hold him in goal till he obeys the order of the court; whether it be to write his name, or any thing else. The word *extortion* explains, of itself, this horrid engine of the court. A commission of *rebellion* is now order issued, after the officer with the capitol has searched and cannot find the man, and after outlawry has taken place. It is directed, in other persons, requiring them to take up the man who was guilty of rebellion in refusing to write his name. But as the officer with the capitol, before outlawry, could not find the man, the issuing the commission of rebellion, *etc.*, his no other meaning but *fees*. A *rebellion* is taking the whole property of the defendant into the hands of the court. And when this is done the cause is soon done also; for no estate could last long there. When the money is gone, the proceedings cease.

But let us suppose that the defendant has complied with all orders thus far, and has put in a good and sufficient answer. Let us leave out of our account all motions, petitions, decrees, orders, &c. for amending the bill, for referring to Musters the insufficiency of answers, reports upon those answers, and further answers, and exceptions to Musters' reports, and orders and decisions, relative to them; and, instead of enquiring into the expence of these, let us go back and ask what is the *off* or *all*, or of any part of this process? Thirty thousand Lawyers thus said to be the number in the kingdom, are now living on just such stuff as the process here described; and I call on them all, to point out the purpose that any of it ever served, or even can serve, to their clients.

It must be remembered, that all the proceedings thus far, were to end in three pretended objects—to compel an appearance; to obtain the *legal* and *legal* time for the defendant to prepare his answer, and to compel him to give his answer. For the *appearance*, which is the solemn application given to the action of writing a name, it would be an insult to the understanding of a child, to tell him that this could be of any service towards forwarding justice. Next comes the successive of applications and orders, for time to answer the bill. The practice of the court, which is the law in this case, allows the defendant, first a short term, and then the delay of four weeks, three weeks, and two weeks; which in all reckoning, unless it be in law, make nine weeks. And if it shall be a reasonable time, when divided into three parts, why, it is not so before it is divided? And if either the party, or the court nor any body else, has a right to refuse that term of time, why might not the defendant take it, without the expence of asking three times? The remainder of the process goes to compel the defendant to give in an answer to the bill. And where is the importance of an answer? To solve this question, let us consider the object of the bill, to which the answer is required.

This bill expresses the claim of the plaintiff, and points out the nature of the decree, which he may make in his favor against the defendant. Notice is given to the defendant, that such a suit is pending, and that he may appear and show cause, why the decree should not be made. Having given this notice, it is not only cruel, but absurd, to think of forcing him to defend himself, whether he will or no. One would suppose it little to the purpose, to attempt, "Why may not the subpoena, which gives notice to the defendant, point out the day, beyond which he cannot give an answer? then if he chooses to defend, he has his audience."—proceed in the cause; he is willing that the decree should pass. Can it be reasonable, can it be anything short of flat contradiction and nonsense, to compel him to appear, to compel him to ask for a de-

lary, and to compel him to defend? Can his defence be reasonably in doing justice to the plaintiff? And if he will not defend himself can you make him? Can any one of the whole host of all the professors of the law know the least shadow of the vice in all this series of process? thus far, *etc.* on the one hand, and *opposition* on the other?

PARIS, August 1.

The curious manifesto of the Duke of Brunswick has made little sensation on the public mind. Abhorred more important affairs of a petty king in Champs Elysées, of the great question, whether one of the wicks in the Théâtre ought not to be taken from the king for the amusement of the people—the fears of the federate—and of the conduct of La Fayette—we have no time to give to the 20,000 Austrians and Prussians who ready to burst into the kingdom. The Duke of Brunswick's minute might perhaps have engaged the attention of M. Briffet, if a letter of more consequence to French liberty had not come forth, viz. a letter from the minister of Justice, directing that some assassins who had committed murder should be prosecuted according to law. This irrefutable proof of the treason of the court, exonerated all his indignation, and he was neither patient nor time to devote to the enemies of his country!

Such, alas! is the deplorable infamy of France at the present moment; and this is the grand question of liberty utterly abandoned. Do not imagine that I say this is the spirit of party. I abhor them both; for the intrigue, pride and vainglory of the Bourbons are perfectly clear; and that of the Republicans is perfectly clear; but the infamy of the revolutionaries is indeed odious to me.

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The sentence was carried into execution on Friday last, amidst an immense number of spectators. He appeared be little affected at his approaching death, & walked with a steady step to the scaffold, which was erected precisely in the spot where the remains of the unfortunate Dillon were confined to ashes.

Having ascended the scaffold, he addressed himself to the surrounding multitude, and said, with an audible voice, "that at the moment of his rising up against the deceased General, he acted under a pernicious influence, and to his friends, to compel him to act for a de-

mand to negotiate the alteration of a country in its most constitutional code. France, in that instant, is at war. Insurgent depots of Europe! It is not enough to crush human nature beneath your feet at home, that you should come abroad to distract the domestic happiness of the nation around you, and put in motion your arms, those enormous masses of human machinery, to break down every attempt that man makes for his own happiness! I am high time to turn these dreadful engines against their inventor, and organize as they have hitherto been for the victory of mankind, to make them serve the instruments of your glory and its renown."

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A single battle may be disastrous, not to a few campaigns. There is an omnipotence in a righteous cause, which makes the pictured minuteness of human affairs, and fixes the spotted inclemency of fortune. If you will be free, you must; there is not a chance that one million of resolute men can be enslaved; no power on earth is able to do it; and will

itself be purified, as is all the world, by the native energy of France!

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