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however, that the refusal of my offer is not to be apprehended. If it be accepted, the question will be settled in the spirit of mutual confidence and good-will, and at a very trifling expense of labour, time or money. Should it be rejected, the settlement must be preceded by an expensive and dilatory process, and by the appearance at least of hostility between parties on whom it is particularly incumbent to exhibit to society at large an example of moderation and mutual respect. His Majesty's Government will, in either case, be absolved from the responsibility, and my present Despatch will remain as a proof that no practical effort was omitted to avert a litigation at once so indecorous and so unprofitable.

In the spirit of frankness which has dictated the preceding instructions, I am further to desire that your Lordship will transmit to the members of the Seminary of Montreal a copy of this Despatch, without the omission of any part of it.

I have, &c.
(signed) *Goderich.*
