

bly interesting to the public; I have also to mention that it was unaccompanied at the time by any remarks which tended either to excite that controversy on Provincial matters, which His Excellency is so anxious to prevent, or to counteract that spirit of consideration which now actuates His Majesty's Councils, and I am happy to perceive that its publication has not excited that discussion which was to be deprecated.

His Excellency may not perhaps be aware, that as a public Journalist, I have during the last Session, given publicity to all the Petitions, Resolutions and Reports, which were before the House, in relation to the measures of the late Administration, not because I approved or sanctioned their contents, nor for the purpose of gratifying the factiously inclined, but to inform the public and the readers of the Gazette, of the heavy charges which were preferred against the late Head of the Executive, and also, that in detailing the proceedings of the Legislature, I should shew myself to be "open to all parties, and influenced by none."—Many of these Documents were of course inserted before any proceedings were adopted by the House, in relation to them. The Report in question, I admit to be one which was not proceeded in by the House, the enquiry not being yet complete, but to me it appeared an Official Document, and as such as fit for publication as the Report of the Canada Committee, which contained comments upon the conduct of persons connected with the Administration of the Government of this Colony, and which has been published in every newspaper of the Province, and latterly ordered to be printed under the authority of the Assembly, and added to their Journals; nor can I consider the publication of the present Report in the Gazette, to be more liable to the construction which Mr. Justice Kerr has placed upon it, than when inserted on the permanent Journals of the House.

I confidently refer to the contents of the *Montreal Gazette* since it came into my possession in 1827, for proof of my having never seized an opportunity to prejudice the public mind against the public authorities of the Country, nor by any one of my remarks to lessen the esteem and respect which those who are appointed by the Sovereign to administer the Law, have hitherto so justly enjoyed—much less have I intentionally or readily held out the public officers of the Province to public animadversion and disesteem.—My paper has rather been distinguished for the readiness and perseverance with which it continued to defend the measures of the Government and its Officers against the animadversions of those who during the party warfare which lately existed were constantly in opposition to the line of politics adopted by the then Executive.—I have also to remark that Mr. Justice Kerr labours under an error in saying that the Report was readily inserted, after the Editors in Quebec had refused to give it publication, for the later circumstance was not known to me till many days after its appearance in the *Gazette*, and the reasons which influenced them in their decision have never yet been communicated to me, and although it is immaterial from what source a copy of the Report was obtained, yet I deem it necessary to state, that I did not receive it from Mr. Gagy, as Mr. Kerr seems to hint when he alludes to endeavours to prejudice the public at the instance of those whose behaviour has subjected them to animadversion or punishment.

Several days previous to the receipt of your letter, my Editor had written some remarks on the Report which were prevented making their appearance from day to day by the accumulation of interesting news relative to the progress of the Catholic Bill; a copy of these remarks, with a slight alteration to suit later events, I now enclose for His Excellency's perusal, and should they prove satisfactory to His Excellency and Mr. Justice Kerr, they will be inserted in the earliest succeeding *Gazette*.—I need hardly add that to any additional observations which Mr. Justice Kerr may feel inclined to add thereto in explanation of the charges contained in the Report already published, I shall give due consideration.