

tell you, Mr. Sims, that your way of stating things is a very unfair one. You did not follow Mr. Dupont further than Mr. McClarty's house, because he did not go any further. You followed him as far as you could, that's about the amount of it."

After adjourning for that night, Mr. Strong spent the evening with myself and some friends (who comprise all the respectable inhabitants of the place), and from his expressions and conduct fully impressed every one present that I was completely exonerated, and expressed himself in the hearing of parties in his boarding-house, that as the result of his inquiry, the investigation ought never to have been held. The following morning, on resuming the inquiry, there being again none but the Revds. Dr. O'Meara and Givens admitted as spectators, Mr. Strong on opening his papers said, substantially, as follows: "Now, Mr. Sims, I am ready to go on and take further testimony in this matter if you insist upon it; but I think I fully understand it, and that nothing can give me any new light upon it, and I shall report to the Government that no further notice ought to be taken of it. I am not prepared to say, however, that there are not other serious charges against Mr. Dupont." The words, "I shall report to the Government that no further notice ought to be taken of it," are as exactly Mr. Strong's language as it is possible to repeat. He then continued, "You referred to a very excellent example when you referred to your Lord and Master, and it is a pity you did not display more of his spirit." He characterized Mr. Sims' conduct as most unchristian and unwise in not accepting any apology, and said, his correspondence with the *Globe* was very wrong, adding, "George Brown is one of the greatest enemies of our church, and is only too glad to get hold of such a scandal."

He also condemned my giving way to my temper, but said I had very great provocation and had afterwards made an ample apology, which should have been accepted. Mr Sims replied, that he would have accepted the apology if I had gone in person, instead of sending him a letter. To this Mr. Strong said, that a written apology was always considered much more satisfactory than a verbal one, as a person could afterwards evade the latter.

It was then assented to both by the Revds. Dr. O'Meara and Givins, as well as the Rev. Jabez Sims, that this should be the decision in the matter of the assault, and Mr. Strong turning to me asked if I was satisfied? To which I replied, that it being in my favor, of course I was. On adjourning for dinner in the middle of the day, I had the following conversation with Mr. Strong as we walked together; I said, they will not drop this matter as they have promised, you will see that they will still agitate about it. And he replied, "do you think so, well they won't do much after my report."

On the settlement of the question of the assault, Mr. Strong took up the other charges, and after hearing all that had to be said against me, he appeared to find so little ground for the alleged Indian grievances, that at the conclusion of the investigation, in open Court, before a large number of people, he stated that, "he would be very glad if Mr. Sims and myself would then become friends, as he could then go down and state to the Government that all charges were withdrawn."

The following incident also occurred during the investigation: Mr. Strong said to Mr. Sims that he was accustomed to taking evidence, and knew when a man was telling the truth,—and that he considered it distinctly proved, and by his (Sims') own witness, that his assistant in the mission, a man named Henry Fraser, had gone about with a bottle of whiskey in one pocket and a paper defaming me in the other, to procure the signatures of the navvies working upon the road, and other parties who had never seen me nor knew any thing about me; he said it was most disgraceful, and turning to the Revds. Dr. O'Meara and Saltern Givins said, "It is for you gentlemen of the church society to take notice of."

Momentarily overlooking the settlement arrived at in the morning, on the question of the assault, at the conclusion of the hearing of Mr. Sims' witnesses, I called Mr. E. Johnston, a material witness in my defence, in whom, when before he could answer my first question, the Rev. Jabez Sims rose and objected strongly to anything being heard, as Mr. Strong had already settled this matter as previously stated. Mr. Strong assented that it was already settled, and there was no occasion to take any testimony in the matter. Mr. Johnson was therefore not examined nor any other witnesses who were there ready to testify in the matter.

The investigation was then closed, it being 9.30 P.M., and Mr. Strong spent the