

“We seize the earliest opportunity of acknowledging an error, into which, according to the information we have received, we unintentionally fell, in a late paragraph respecting his excellency. The paragraph we allude to is that in which we took the liberty of remarking on the sale of the bull *Eclipse* by the Agricultural Society, in consequence of *the disapprobation expressed by his Excellency*. At the time we wrote it we conceived that lord Dalhousie had exercised an exorbitant authority, in overruling a measure beneficial to the country, and that the Agricultural Society had practised an unfit acquiescence. We have been since better informed. *It seems* that a certain sum has been appropriated by the legislature to the Agricultural Society of Montreal, and that this sum is to be expended in premiums for rural productions of the district, and that no premium is to exceed £20. This being the case, the disapprobation of his excellency was not only justifiable but laudable.—We are well aware that lord Dalhousie, among many other estimable dispositions, possesses a noble passion for rural improvement, than which nothing can convey more pleasure not only to an enlightened, but also to a tender & benevolent mind; & we beg leave, with much respect, to say, that it is creditable to lord Dalhousie, that, in the instance before us, he constrained such a virtuous tendency to yield to the spirit and meaning of the law; although perhaps he might have better gratified himself *by a little artful management of the words*. We feel confident that lord Dalhousie will never designedly weaken the security of law under which every thing dear to us is sheltered, and that, if the province have to complain of any thing injurious and irregular in this respect, and that his lordship should at last become conscious of it, the province and his lordship will have the satisfaction of knowing that the blameable cause will be found somewhere distinct from him.”

“We beg permission to say that we obey our own sense of propriety, in hastening to make an acknowledgement of our error at the earliest period that offered, after we became aware of it. It is our pride that we never knowingly mislead our readers, and we even consider that we expose ourselves to just reproach, when want of diligence or sufficient enquiry produces any misstatement on our part. We can never decline directing the public censure on any contravention of our laws and constitution: but we are fully sensible of the homage that is due to truth, and the respect which is due to virtuous and well-intentioned authority.”

Agreeing fully with the editor of the Spectator as to the propriety of the earliest acknowledgement of error; that even the want of diligence or sufficient enquiry is a just cause of reproach when it produces misstatements; and that every hom-