

opinion that matter should stand over. Can be reconsidered at new year."

When the Archbishop's and my own efforts resulted in success and the necks of the Administration were thereby saved, it is no wonder you were surprised at Sir Oliver's attitude. For you had stated in my house that the Government was bound to consider my services, and that if you were Minister of Justice you would appoint me on the first vacancy occurring in the Supreme Court. This, I assume, has not passed from your memory.

But how have I been treated? I can only stigmatize it as savoring of the basest ingratitude. Notwithstanding the great indebtedness I was told the Government was under to me, and the promises made, I have been absolutely ignored in the promotions made for those who had no claims whatsoever to recognition.

The part I took and the results attending my efforts are known to Sir Wilfrid and yourself. The other members of the Cabinet, I understand, are unaware of the services performed by me or the obligations it is admitted the Government is under to me. This should not be; and in order that they may be possessed of the facts and so facilitate in carrying out your intentions on my behalf, it will be in my interest and greatly strengthen your hands were the correspondence printed and a copy given to each member of the Cabinet. And if after the members of the Administration are in possession of the facts no credit is to be accorded me, and the promises made are to be disregarded, so be it.

Although in June, 1901, Sir Wilfrid stated to me that the question of religion would not stand in my way, and that I would be promoted to the Supreme Court on the next vacancy occurring, the promise was not carried out. And I understand agencies have been at work since then to prevent my promotion because of my religious tenets.

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I remain,

My dear Attorney-General,

Yours truly,

HUGH MACMAHON.

The Honourable  
CHARLES FITZPATRICK,  
Minister of Justice.