

Should you happily be in that frame of mind, I beg that you will suggest in writing, in detail and in the form of a notarial agreement, the terms upon which you are willing to allow me to live in peace. The foregoing words must be understood to imply that every subject of difference between us should, without any manner of exception, be included in the proposed deed.

It behoves me, however, to be perfectly plain with you. Accordingly I insist on it, as a preliminary condition, *sine qua non*, that you cause your Attorneys, Messieurs Bossé, to cease, pending negotiations, from worrying me with executions, endless, and to me ruinously expensive, but to them exceedingly profitable, proceedings.

*Secondly.*—In view of my age and approaching demise, I shall claim the insertion of a clause binding you to refrain from renewing the attempts, in which you have been defeated, under a heavy penalty, in favor of my successors. If it please God, they shall be exempt from the torture which your great wealth has enabled you to inflict upon me.

*Thirdly.*—I should wish you to bind yourself to refrain from buying my debts.

It is not my intention that the *enquête* in the case No. 581 should be postponed, nor until the execution of the proposed deed shall I pause in the exercise of the right of self defence, the first law of nature.

I have no manner of objection to your selecting your own notary whoever he may be to prepare the deed, of which the draft must be submitted to me. Should I approve, I shall instantly subscribe it. Should I be desirous of adding, retrenching or modifying, I reserve the right of conveying my views in the margin. It should therefore be wide.

I remain,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. GUGY.

I am not so constituted as to carry, still less to use a revolver ; but I had seen my adversary's servants, and on one occasion himself, engaged in working in the bed of the river in a manner which would have induced many to resort to fire arms.