

political importance, to be entirely ignored. It may be said, and it is undoubtedly true, that the Judges of Canada are removed far above and beyond all Government influence, where it is to be devoutly hoped they will ever and always remain. But as I have before stated, it is, and I say it in all humility, the duty of the Judge, particularly in matters affecting our political relations with foreign States, not to embarrass the Government by an unwise or injudicious application of the laws made and intended to preserve the national honor and the good faith of the citizens. I know that for the means adopted by the Legislature of this Province to guard against a repetition from within our lines, of St. Albans raids, the Government has been unsparingly abused. But do not the authorities which I have had the honor to cite—authorities recognized as laws binding upon all civilized nations, fully sustained the precautionary measures so taken? Nay, I venture to go a step further, and say that our Government is entitled to the everlasting gratitude of the country, for the prompt and efficient means they have taken to ensure the maintenance of our neutrality laws, and the inviolability of Canadian territory.

With these remarks I must bring my argument to a close, and leave to my learned associates the completion of the task, my part of which, I greatly fear, I have but very imperfectly performed. To your Honor's sense of justice I commit the case so far as I am concerned, expecting from you whose Judicial attainments are of so high a character, a judgment that will reflect honor upon the Judiciary of the country, and redeem us from the imputation of having so far, failed to fulfil our Treaty engagements. In the words of the eminent Judge Jay, let us be faithful to all—kind to all—but let us be just to ourselves.