

years, immediately took to the woods, in so much that during eight days, not a man was to be found at his home, for the distance of nine miles along the coast. They took it into their heads that it was I that had sent for the troops; and neither the Sheriff, nor any other person could convince them of the contrary. Hence their implacable hatred and aversion towards me.

This short and imperfect account will shew what kind of people I had to contend with.

[The following are the documents before alluded to:]

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, Prince Edward Island,
May 27th, 1845.

My Dear Mr. Macdonald;

It is extremely painful for me to learn, as I do by the letter you have shewn me from your friend in Quebec, that such reports are sent abroad respecting your conduct in this Island, and I can easily understand how much more severely the feelings of your kind hearted friend must be lacerated; I sincerely wish that he knew the whole of your case, and *the infamous falsehoods which have been grafted upon it*; he then would know that, forced as you were, by *outrage and conspiracy*, to leave your Parish or cure, you merely sold such things as you could not take to Tracadie, and which were your own property; he would also know that you never offered, or thought of offering any church or presbytery for sale; and that you have sold neither at any time; he would also know that there is not a Protestant in the Island who regards you as a conquest, and that there is not one who does not deeply regret your absence from the performance of a sacred duty, which you executed with honour to the church, of which all the Protestants, and I can safely say myself in particular, esteem you a most upright, benevolent, and zealous minister.

I cannot, however, agree with your friend in advising you to leave the Island; such a measure, if adopted by you, would be by your enemies represented as a flight from justice, and the ignorant mass of the population would believe and exult in it. My advice is—remain—do what good you can by your example, and as much as possible in your professional character—and trust to Truth