

British people feel highly complimented by the presence among them of the representatives of four millions of freemen on such an important errand, and by such a triumphant vindication of British rule.

In all these things he was profoundly interested, and gave them his very best attention. Looked at from the standpoint of the present many regard Fenianism as a something to be laughed at, but it was then too serious an affair to excite a smile. If ships of war and regular and volunteer troops were dispatched to the frontier, and the civil and military authorities felt moved to unusual vigilance, it need excite no surprise if the people of unprotected villages along the coast felt somewhat uneasy and alarmed. With hundreds of men on the opposite banks of the Saint Croix threatening what they would do; with the British flag insulted on British soil and the Canadian borders crossed by men in arms, there was surely cause for fear, at least for