

yourself Governor of New Brunswick. Your proceedings respecting the outrage of Baker and your discretion in avoiding any controversy with Lincoln please me much."¹

It became clear that nothing could be effected by Governor Lincoln; and a commissioner was despatched to Fredericton by the Federal Government, furnished with a letter of introduction from Mr. Vaughan. But Sir Howard was as inflexible to the one as the other; he persevered in the prosecution of Baker, who was brought to trial before the Chief Justice, found guilty, and sentenced to be fined. And the fine was paid.

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These proceedings had so enlisted public feeling that they could not be disavowed by the Government, and their success won it to approbation. But it was seen that such a question could no longer be left open without danger, and the two powers agreed to an arbitration, referring it to the King of the Netherlands. Sir Howard was called to Europe to assist in preparing the English case.

He was so endeared to the colonists that they heard of this summons with dismay, and all classes evinced their regret. Much as he had been appreciated, it seemed that they never knew his value till now, when they remembered his concern for their interests, his zeal for their advancement, his wise measures, and his good deeds. He had been with them in calamity, brought them through desolation and ruin, and raised them to a point of prosperity exceeding their fairest hopes. They were now to see him depart, without any assurance that he would return, and felt it a common misfortune.

¹ Letter of the Right Hon. C. B. Vaughan in the 'Douglas Papers.'