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VARIOUS reports having been circulated in reference to the matters that took place between Major MacDougall, of the Royal Canadian Rifles, and myself, I have thought it best to publish the whole correspondence. It will be seen from these letters that, the Subaltern being called to account for imputing want of virtue to the women of England, runs to his senior officer for protection; his senior officer (Major MacDougall) then applies to me most vulgar and abusive language—language which no *gentleman* would have used without provocation—language which he has neither the courage to support, nor the manliness to retract—meanly sheltering himself behind the “*ægis*” of the Commander-in-Chief. I cannot think Major MacDougall, in such conduct, will meet the approval either of the Officers of the Army, or of Society.

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