

instructive to the people here as to your Lordship, and generously resolved to give us the full benefit of its instructive contents—or perhaps he was of opinion that it might have the good luck of passing off unnoticed, which would enable him to say to your Lordship that it was published in Upper Canada, was not answered, and therefore was unanswerable. But by whatever motive his conduct has been influenced, we have now this precious document before us, and it will argue culpable negligence on our part if it meets your Lordship's eye without an accompanying refutation.

But it may be, my Lord, that I have hitherto mistaken altogether his motives for publishing—perhaps he really intended to give the Church Clergy and their friends, and even the Independents, &c. a fair opportunity of a replication; and upon further consideration I am rather inclined to this latter opinion, and am almost confirmed in it when I call to mind that in publishing he has withheld his real name. Being persuaded, no doubt, that no man knows better than your Lordship that a writer's name often weighs much heavier than his argument, he generously renounces all the advantage which his real name might give him with your Lordship in this great argument, and trusts entirely for success to his law, his logic, and his liberality of sentiment towards the Church Clergy and the Fanatics; and being also persuaded that the terrors of a name have often struck terror into the hearts of champions of no doubtful courage, and being willing that every thing connected with this mortal contest should be fair and equal on both sides, he enters the lists in mask and invites who will to the combat. I cannot refuse an invitation so just and generous; but wish a more able champion had entered the lists. Your Lordship is Lord Marshal of the day—the public are spectators; the combatants are both in mask—so far, my Lord, it is mask versus mask—cypher versus cypher—the issue must depend upon the goodness of our weapons and our skill in using them.

But although every thing thus far is quite fair and honorable, I cannot consider his request to your Lordship to support the claims of the Kirk, in *opposition* to the le-