

In taking sides against my French Canadian countrymen I may have done wrong—but have I not been sufficiently punished? Have I not suffered enough? Should they want revenge could they not find perfidious men who led them to the edge of the precipice and there left them? Are there not men who have attained high positions who were bound to defend them and who have conducted them to the gallows? Impelled by the prejudices of my education, I took part, it is true, with the minority, but I never betrayed anybody, and far from benefitting by it, what have I not lost? In the division which followed nothing but reproaches was allotted to me—advantages and profit fell to the share of others—a painful distinction.

I was, it is true, in an exceptional position and clad with almost unlimited authority—Nevertheless I never made a political prisoner, nor abused my authority, nor vexed any individual whatever—I never even entered the room in which the Court Martial was held—I interposed to prevent plundering and I invariably succoured the distressed. Although a Protestant I manifested all due respect for the Roman Catholic Priesthood, and restored to liberty more than 500 French Canadian prisoners.

I could render those services only because I was in the royal ranks—but I could not not thus lend my assistance to the unfortunate without incurring the displeasure of many of mine own party. I claim then, that these facts be put to my credit. Debit me with my opinions and parliamentary conduct if you will, but enter my acts and deeds on the credit side of the account. To exclude all doubt I submit facts which ought to have their influence on all those who have any respect for truth. My hopes are not extravagant for all I ask is exemption from abuse; oblivion—no more.

A. GUGY.

Quebec, 12th May, 1855.

EXTRACT OF A LETTER FROM DR. NELSON, SOMETIME MAYOR
OF MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, 26th September, 1854.

MY DEAR COLONEL,—I regret much to understand that certain wicked calumnies that were circulated to your preju-