

The first thing which I wish to state is, that the allusions in Dr. Gray's letter of Sept. —, 1847, written to me at St. Andrews, with reference to harmony among the Clergymen, were made *before* I came to Saint John, as the letter itself *proves*. Following up the idea proposed in *general* to me in that letter, *before* I came to St. John, Dr. Gray made it *specific* when I *did* come, by requesting that it should apply to Mr. Stewart, from whom he appeared to apprehend *warlike* intentions towards any one who might stand in his way. This proposal, in the words I have used in my "Statement," was made to me during the subsequent five weeks visit (see table of dates), when the arrangements were being made for my settlement as Curate in the Parish, and towards the end of that period when they were finally closed. This I now reiterate emphatically; and I am only surprised that Dr. Gray could venture to deny it. I could easily refresh his memory with regard to the fact, as I now state it, by the room in which we were—the very place in that room—and certain expressions of his own on the occasion. I will state one of these expressions: I said that such an arrangement would be absurd, as it would give Mr. Stewart the power to disturb all *harmony* at once, to which Dr. Gray replied,—“it would not then do to let him know it.” I remarked, with a smile, that I certainly thought it would not. The subject then passed away, for it was evidently submitted more by way of seeing how much I would concede, than as a peremptory condition. I was, indeed, surprised at the request, and mentioned it to one or two of the family not long afterwards, which they have never forgotten for a moment. It may appear very strange that Dr. Gray should have made such an absurd proposition; but his letter of Sept. —, 1847, to me at St. Andrews, *before* I came to St. John, proves the possibility, if not the great probability, of such a proposition on his part. I took this proposition, however, to mean, that he wished to retain Mr. Stewart at all hazards, that he was necessary to him, and that, even though Mr. Stewart were wrong, he could not afford to lose him. This proposition with regard to Mr. Stewart is unequivocally and emphatically true. Dr. Gray had said, a month or two before this, in his letter to me at St. Andrews, when urging the necessity of harmony, that he did not anticipate any difficulty, but that it was as well to be guarded; and he afterwards took *this* mode of being guarded. The truth is,

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