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CONTEMPT OF COURT.

In our previous notices of the *LAMIRANDE* case, we have mentioned the proceedings taken against Mr. T. K. RAMSAY, and also against Mr. LUSIGNAN, for contempt of Court. When the argument on the rule against Mr. RAMSAY at last came on, in the end of October, Mr. RAMSAY contended that the letters which he had written to the *Gazette* were merely answers to charges made against him by Mr. Justice DRUMMOND, contained in certain reports printed in the *Herald*, for which he held the judge responsible. Mr. Justice DRUMMOND having denied that he intended to charge Mr. RAMSAY with being one of the conspirators in the *LAMIRANDE* affair, or with having been a party to the alleged falsification of the GOVERNOR'S WARRANT, Mr. RAMSAY replied that he, on his part, would consent to withdraw what was offensive in his letters, in consideration of Mr. Justice DRUMMOND having disavowed any intention to criminate him, in making use of the expressions complained of.

On the 3rd of November, final judgment was rendered. As a writ of error has issued, and the case will be heard before the full Court of Queen's Bench, we shall not take up space here with the remarks made by Mr. Justice DRUMMOND in giving judgment. Suffice it to say that he made the rules absolute, and fined Mr. RAMSAY in the sum of £10. Mr. LUSIGNAN was also fined in the sum of 20s., which was paid. Mr. RAMSAY immediately procured the issuing of a writ of error to the Appeal Side of the Court of Queen's Bench. The following reasons, extracted from the record, are the grounds relied on by the plaintiff in error:—

“T. K. RAMSAY and THE QUEEN. — And now, that is to say, on the — day of —, in the year of Our Lord, 1866, comes the said T. K. Ramsay in person into Court, and says that in the record and proceedings aforesaid, and also in the rendering of the judgment in

the said case, there is manifest error, in this, to wit, that the said rule does not contain any contempt or offence which, by the laws and statutes of this Province, a justice sitting in and holding the Court of Queen's Bench, without the assistance of a jury, had any authority or jurisdiction to hear and determine; wherefore in this there is manifest error.

“There is also error in this, that the learned judge who gave the judgment, to wit, the Hon. Mr. Justice Drummond, was himself a party to the prosecution, being complainant as to the contempt of the Court of Queen's Bench alleged, which did not take place in view of the said Court, or in view of the said judge; wherefore in that there is manifest error.

“There is also error in this, that there was no affidavit in support of the said complaint; wherefore in that there is manifest error.

“There is also error in this, that the letters mentioned in the rule taken in this cause are not alleged to have been written by the said plaintiff in error, nor does it appear by the record that they were written by him; wherefore in that there is manifest error.

“There is also error in this, that if the said letters have been written by him, they do not contain any contempt of the Court of Queen's Bench, being such answers as plaintiff in error had a right to make to certain public reports therein referred to, and the said answers were the legitimate defence to the slanders contained in the said reports; wherefore in that there is manifest error.

“There is also error in this, that even if they did contain any contempt of the said Court, the said contempt was condoned and passed over by the said Court long previous to the taking of the said rule; wherefore in that there is manifest error.

“There is also error in this, that in and by the said rule, it is not alleged, nor does it appear, that the alleged contempt was committed within the jurisdiction of the Court which adjudicated thereon; wherefore in that there is manifest error.

“There is also error in this, that it appears that the said judge was not acting in his judicial capacity at the time the remarks made by him, and reported in the *Herald*, were