

should be kept with me. But if these two vacancies are filled and I am again passed over, I will conclude that Sir Wilfrid Laurier and yourself—at whose instance I was acting—have been overruled by the influence of those who do not consider that the honour of the Crown is to be regarded as of any moment.

I am not asking for promotion—that, as stated in a former letter, I decline doing. And my only object in now writing is to say that if I am again asked to “stand aside” I shall regard it as an intimation that I need not expect any consideration from the Government, although when in dire distress they did not appeal in vain for assistance to

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CHARLES FITZPATRICK,

Minister of Justice,

Ottawa, Ont.

Yours sincerely,

HUGH MACMAHON.

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Osgoode Hall,

Toronto, October 19th, 1905.

Dear Mr. Attorney-General,—

Yours of 25th ultimo was forwarded to me while at the Sandwich Assizes, and I am replying thereto because of the recent appointments.

My letter of 21st ultimo credits Sir Wilfrid Laurier and yourself with desiring my promotion. But had a determination to carry out the intention existed, it is to me incomprehensible how you both should on so many occasions have surrendered to one member of the Government.

During the last few years “colleagues” of the Prime Minister were alleged to be objectors to my promotion. But during the whole of the embroglio over the Manitoba School Question, I heard nothing of “colleagues” being consulted as to the diplomatic duties with which I was entrusted by you. There were no objectors when I was trying to save them.

Although shamefully treated and deeply humiliated, my treatment and humiliation has not been greater than that which was endured by Archbishop Walsh in connection with the Cardinalate. The press