

Those are the men to whom—when on the eve of receiving a well-merited castigation for all their misdeeds—an American Administration has given aid and comfort.

All fair minded people acknowledge that States, like individuals, owe each other a goodly amount of courtesy in their intercourse; but, I have yet to learn, that the footpad has any claim in his criminal undertaking, upon the assistance of the respectably disposed, or that a government that has put itself beyond the pale of civilization—as the Canadian Government did by luring and then defrauding the Half-breeds of their legitimate inheritance—has any claim in its nefarious and sanguinary policy upon the courtesy of a government or of a people which it has done its utmost to destroy at the most critical time in its history.

I am somewhat inclined to think that, in this instance, the good faith of the American Administration has been surprised; but it is as well that, in case of possible future emergencies, the situation should be elucidated, in order to avoid a repetition of any such intemperate awkwardness on the part of the Executive.

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My American readers will readily understand why I have thought proper to publish *THE TRUTH ABOUT RIEL*. It will be a revelation to many, who could not, on account of the system of misrepresentations and calumnies inaugu-