

To argue for annexation creates no reasonable presumption that a man, even an official, is a traitor. "Traitor" is derived from *trado*, and means a person who *betrays* or would betray something or somebody. "Treason" comes from the same Latin word, through *trahison*, and implies *treachery*. Because a general recommends making peace on terms which his government decline, are we therefore to jump at the conclusion that he is likely to betray an army or a fortress to the enemy, and are we to brand him as untrustworthy and to clamour for his resignation? Because a man advises a girl to marry for money, are we to assume that, if she objects, he will aid her suitor in abducting her? Though not traitorous, it would however, be spiritless and base to favour annexation to a foreign nation while it maintained a bullying or threatening attitude to the Empire or Canada. It is a characteristic of curs to fawn upon their persecutors and to lick the hands that smite them.

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In the same article Mr. Longley says:—"Whether my moral instincts be right or wrong, I propose to be guided solely by my conceptions of the best interests of Canada." Now though a Canadian's *main* consideration should be the interests of Canada, surely he should *not* be guided solely by them. He should be capable of feeling a wider patriotism, and he should not brush aside the obligations of honour or gratitude. Being a citizen of the British Empire, as well as a Canadian, he should not ignore the interests of that empire, and he should have some regard for the welfare of his race and of mankind. But I am glad to perceive that* Mr. Longley's moral instincts are much better than he represents them to be, for he makes his imaginary advocate of annexation show a proper concern for the interests of the motherland and the English-speaking race:—

"In so doing we shall be rendering the greatest service in our

*Mr. Longley's imperial patriotism would seem to have been steadily growing warmer since he first turned his thoughts to the future of Canada. It is an open secret that the spirited editorial in the *Halifax Morning Chronicle* which was promptly evoked by Mr. Cleveland's Venezuelan Message was from Mr. Longley's pen. A large part of this article is approvingly quoted in one of the pamphlets issued by the Imperial Federation Defence Committee.