

upon as the seat of *racism and blackguardism in the government thereof*, when such a gross scene could be enacted in a church on a sabbath-day, by the Office-bearers thereof, and two of our constables. And which opinion has been much strengthened by the conduct of our City Council in suppressing all proper enquiry into the same; although by such acts I have obtained the sympathy of thousands of persons who have read and heard of the same, as has been abundantly testified to me.

My object, therefore, is to place before you, the conduct of our City Council, our Chief Constable, our Mayor, our Recorder, and our City Member, in respect of said assault, by which you will clearly see not only their very improper suppression of any proper enquiry into these matters, but their direct countenance and support of these constables in such their conduct, so that in view of the approaching election of city officials, you (as you are all directly interested also in another point of view, for as these our city constables have been got by "*Christian gentlemen*," thus to maltreat and maim me for life, and that in a church at the hour of public worship, the same persons *can be got* also to commit *Lynch law* upon any of you) may take such measures as you deem best to relieve our city from such an infamous character, so that thereby we may have some good reason to hope, that the future progress of our city will not be blasted by such a character of our city government being allowed to continue.

OUR CHIEF CONSTABLE.

On the first day of June last, I wrote the Chief Constable, Mr. John Carruthers, informing him of the assault upon me, and by whom, and asking him two questions, namely:—First, Did he send these constables? Secondly: If he did, for what purpose did he send them, and what instructions did he give to them? And on the same day, he replied as follows, namely:—

"I received yours of this morning, and in answer, beg to state, that the constables named were sent by me to the Macnab Street Church, *to preserve the peace*, and this was at the earnest request of Mr. George Murison and Mr. William Davidson, and I had no other motive."

On the same day I addressed a similar letter to G. H. Armstrong, Esq., Police Magistrate, and he replies as follows, namely:—

"Your polite note I received, and in answer to your note, I did not send the constables on that day, or any other day. I knew nothing about the affair till the Monday following."

Our Police Magistrate therefore is free from blame, and the guilt of the illegal sending of the constables to the church, rests entirely upon Mr. Carruthers the Chief Constable, who although