

change opinions and impressions upon society and public characters, without doing or intending injury, no one has a right to publish reflections impugning the motives, and calculated to wound needlessly the feelings of another.

Two months ago I received the "Paper" in which was such a reflection attributing an unworthy motive to your conduct on a public occasion.

I at once wrote to desire its withdrawal and to express my sorrow at the insertion of that and other extracts, which, taken out of connection with other statements, did not fairly represent the mind of the writer, and were calculated to hurt the feelings of others.

My first desire at the time was to write and tell you of this. Such a course, however, seemed likely only to increase publicity. But now that others have given the Paper circulation, I feel it due to you as well as to myself to make this communication. I trust you will accept it as an assurance that the imputation was published without my knowledge; that I did what I could to counteract it; and that my earnest desire is that nothing lower than the standard of the Charity of the Gospel should rule amongst us, however widely differing on points of essential belief.

I remain, Right Rev. and Dear Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

G. COLUMBIA.

Victoria, Oct. 13th, 1860.  
The Right Rev. Bishop Demers.