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A passing word or two, to the Independent Freeholders and Electors, of the County of Gaspé, on their proceedings at the two last Elections.

Their rejection of their old member, who (by his own my) rendered them such benefits, and advanced the presperity of the County; with some observations on reading a vile Pamphlet written and circulated through the County by some invisible reptile in human shape. One object (with others) is pretty clearly and plainly delineated, to injure the highly respectable firm of Messrs. Charles Robin & Co., Merchants, residing in Jersey, house of wealth and strict probity, of upwards of seventy years standing, and may with truth be considered the BACK BONE AND NERVE OF THE DISTRICT; all for the purpose, and nothing more or less, than because their agent at Percé thought proper for reasons best known to himself, to exertiand use his influence with the dealers of the Establishment, to vote at the Election iff favor of a Gentleman every way qualified by birth, education, and a knowledge of the County, having been a long time a resident and in charge of a respectable office as Collector of H. M. Customs, which he had resigned to become a Candidate for the suffrages of the people, at their solicitation. This gentleman, by so doing, brought himself under the galling pen of the would-benever ending member, who really thought that the County was at his feet, and that he was to remain inviolably "The Idol of Worship."

This proceeding on the part of the rival candidate, powerfully sided by a strong detachment of good, honest freeholders, backed by some of the leading and intelligent men of the County, very nearly led to the discomfiture of the former useless member, and would, in this instance, had the election proceedings been conducted with propriety, and fair measures, nothing deceptive or illusary been brought into the stage. Had honesty of purpose, and fair dealing been attended to, after all Mr. Kavanagh would unquestionably have been the people's choice. (1)

⁽¹⁾ John and Joe Eden, were amongst the first to persuade Mr.