

In closing these pages I most emphatically deny the right of the four Commissioners of the Marine and Emigrant Hospital, (with which I never had any connexion,) or any other body whatsoever, to investigate my conduct, or to traduce my character as they have done, whether it be good or bad. The novelty of trying a man in his absence, and without charging him with any specific offence, has been reserved for the four Commissioners of the Marine and Emigrant Hospital. Their conduct towards me has been most wanton, cowardly and unmanly. The term *ungentlemanly* could, under any circumstances, only apply to one of them; but, in this case, the error I believe is rather of the head than of the heart. Towards the others, I make no reservation.

The duty of the four Commissioners, and all the Commissioners, was strictly confined to an honest and impartial investigation of the truth of the charges brought against the establishment over which they preside; and had their self-esteem been a little less, and their conscientiousness a little greater, they would not have thought me "uncivil" or "threatening," (for I am in earnest,) and although my charges might in some measure have told of their neglect, *they need not have feared the truth.* The fact is, that the four Commissioners were not aware of the slippery and insincere character they had to deal with, in the Doyen of the medical profession of Quebec, who, by his falsehood and duplicity, has not only deceived and compromised them, but the Executive Government also.

I respectfully submit the foregoing pages for your attentive perusal, consideration and action, as they embrace serious and weighty matters, that are either TRUE or FALSE. If true, your course is straight and even, but if false, it will only be common justice to the parties calumniated, to hold up their accusers (among whom I stand) to public odium, as a warning to others in like manner offending; but I AM PREPARED TO PROVE THEM TRUE.

"Magna est veritas et prevalet."

W. MARSDEN, M. D.

Quebec, 30th August, 1852.

P. S. Since writing the foregoing pages the commissioners have *resigned!* Was the pressure from without too great for them? Their successors will now have a clear stage for action; and will not be obliged to resort to the herculean task of "changing the course of the river" to clean out the Augean stables. A hundred facts await their hearing.

Let them bear in mind that the patients are British and Irish, and that their natural feelings and sympathies are the same;—that they pay for all they receive, and are therefore entitled to the best care and attendance that money can procure for them;—and that the patients are not *paupers* on whom medical tyros have a right to exercise their budding genius.