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A Pamphlet bearing the Rev. W. K. White's signature, and published under the direction of the Committee of the Newfoundland Church Society, has just found its way to this remote place, though published some time since; and finding therein not only many perverse and dishonest representations, but also, gross falsehoods, I deem it my duty to offer that proof to the contrary of the latter and those explanations of the former which I hope may prove satisfactory to the readers of the "Church of England in Newfoundland," and the members of the Church generally. I have, in the first instance however, to acknowledge Mr. White's approbation of my advocacy of the Church Society prior to the date of the charges made against him in the Pamphlet, "The Church of England in Newfoundland,"—those good offices would still have been continued upon my part had not the Lord Bishop, together with such of his Ministers as carried out his commands, insisted upon enforcing them by means alike contrary to Holy Scripture and to justice.

In the commencement of Mr. White's letter he asserts that, until August last he never saw the "Depositions" referring to his conduct. If he mean that he then first received notice of such charges, where was the necessity for the Bishop's investigation nearly three years ago? Had he so soon forgotten my letter addressed to him, of October 1849, and now published by him for the first time, which certainly demands as it now receives my thanks?—(Vide Appendix, No. 1.)

In the second paragraph of page 5, Mr. White says, "I have invariably, both in public and private, disclaimed any payment for baptism." Then I would thank Mr. White to inform me why, among other such fees, he condescended to pocket my two dollars for christening my son Henry in 1847; besides the fee for churching Mrs. C.? Neither can I discern that nice difference pretended, of refusing baptism unless a certain payment is made or engaged to be paid before it is conferred, and yet, professing to refuse payment for baptism,—the Blacks upon the coast of Africa referred to in his let-