

we occasioned the present controversy; and we submit, with confidence, to the judgment of the candid and unbiassed, whether there was any thing in the spirit and tenor of our petition to warrant the violence and hostility which were manifested on that occasion by our opponents. We will leave it to the impartial, who are aware of the representations made, and pamphlets published by our opponents, to decide which party has most reason to complain of attacks sustained, and of the spirit and manner in which these attacks have been conducted.

If we enquire into the circumstances that have recently revived the controversy, it will appear equally manifest to which party the blame is fairly to be attached.

The Ecclesiastical Chart, framed by Dr. Strachan, having been transmitted to this country, and having been published in the newspapers of the Provinces, occasioned a degree of excitement in all quarters, which will surprise no one competent to judge of the statements it contains. It roused into indignant exertion even those who were previously passive in the matter; and, as the only means of detecting and exposing its inaccuracies was by giving it publicity, it must be considered the immediate and sole cause of all that has lately been done or written on the subject. But, however much we may—and we *do* most sincerely deplore any excitement or violence that has arisen—we must be permitted to say that they alone are responsible for these unhappy consequences, from whom such unguarded statements have emanated, or who have in any measure been the advisers and abettors of that system of which the Chart forms a part. We regret to observe, that the Bishop of Quebec has, in no part of his Circular, disavowed or reprobated such misrepresentations in the manner that was to have been expected from the well known integrity of his character.

To those who are aware of the correspondence which we have been carrying on for years with the Colonial Office, and of the many encouraging promises that have been held out to us, but never realized, it will not be matter of surprise or reprehension, especially when they take into consideration the recent attempt of the Archdeacon of York to deprive us of the due support of Government, that we have at last resorted to the only effectual means of enforcing our claims, and of exposing and repelling such machinations. Indeed, the only charge against which it might be difficult to defend ourselves, would be that, in a matter so deeply affecting the vital interests, or rather the very existence of our Church, we had so long remained passive, while the utmost activity, vigilance and zeal were displayed in opposing our claims. We must be permitted to say that, having thus been compelled to exert ourselves in self-defence, we cannot help viewing it as somewhat strange to be now assailed with the charge of aggression and violence.

Such is a fair view of the circumstances that gave rise to those pro-