

toulin. They have permitted them to retain an ample allowance of land for their own use; and when the rest is sold, the proceeds will be theirs. What more could be asked? We believe that nothing more would have been demanded by the Indians, but the priests seem to be afraid that the interests of themselves or of their church would suffer by the settlement of the island, and hence we have the violent scenes of the past few weeks. There was an original error on the part of the late Government in offering too small a compensation to the Indians for the surrender of the land, and threatening them with violence if they refused it. But the present Ministry changed all that, and stood prepared, and stands prepared now, to make every arrangement which justice to the Indians demands. But they will not submit to have their authority defied, and violence inflicted on unoffending individuals. They will, we are sure, extend the authority of the law over the Manatoulin, as well as all other sections of the public domain, and teach Priest Köhler and his coadjutors the folly as well as the wickedness of their proceedings."

It is difficult to see any reason why Priest Köhler's name is connected with the murder of Mr. Gibbard. Nor is it reasonable to say, that these difficulties on the island did not grow out of the course pursued by certain members of the Colonial Government in procuring a surrender of nearly the whole island. To say, "that the offences of these persons have no necessary connexion with the question of the surrender of the island," is a statement no one acquainted with