

assert that their own Provincial Government is the only lawful authority in the country.*

It is not unlikely that, as the Red River people believe that the present Prime Minister has manifested heretofore an intimate acquaintance with and interest in the condition of that territory, and that the present Government engages to side liberally with the voice of the people—that these have tended to aggravate the evil and intensify their indignation, seeing that their own voice and petitions have been so completely set aside.

In concluding this stage of my communications to your Lordship's department (during the last twelve years I have been pressing the British Government to accord righteous rule to that country), I respectfully ask your Lordship whether there is any objection to my publishing the correspondence which has passed between me and the Colonial Office on the subject?

I remain, my Lord,

Your Lordship's obedient and humble servant,

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To the Right Hon. Earl Granville, K.G., &c. &c.,
Her Majesty's Chief Secretary of State
for the Colonies, &c.

Downing Street,

Jan. 15th, 1870.

SIR,—I am directed by Earl Granville to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th ultimo, and to inform you that his Lordship has not the

* *Daily Telegraph*, Dec. 27th, 1869.