

In fine, give up this leasing system, disgraced as it is by quackery and false pretences, if you desire the Company to prosper and be respected. They are gaining more than enough without subjecting their settlers to concealed difficulties and unexpected disappointments.

2. Abandon your fulsome coquetry with the Press of the Colony. You have been praising yourself, or getting others to praise you, till you verily begin to believe it all true. Do not any longer think that you are a most wonderful man, and that you have no equal in the Province. Excess of vanity and self-conceit is apt to eat up stronger minds than your's; and they constitute a happy delusion which I feel some compunction in removing. But it must be done; and you must be made aware that you stand much lower in other people's estimation than in your own; nor will the praises which present themselves in certain public prints, whether written by yourself or persons paid for the job, tend to raise you in the opinion of those whose respect is worth having. Such letters as those of A, and B, and C, and Editors of all shades of politics, (your favourite phrase) magnifying your great exertions and your provincial patriotism, have been the subject of general amusement; and it is certainly matter of wonder how you can be so very