

assurance, combined with what they did not know of the previous threats of others. On these grounds I had resolved to see thee myself (although my vote had been declined, I still considered myself pledged, if again called upon, I must vote.

S. P.—*I would have you to consider how the land lies.*

J. L.—(Rising to go, but the conversation continued standing.)—*I consider that nothing can excuse me if I intentionally violate my word. All men know I have power to keep it. Neither my respect for thee, nor a bribe of £500, could induce me to forego such a vote as I shall give from principle; in comparison with which, pecuniary considerations with me have no weight.*

On this, the Speaker, with his usual politeness, accompanied me to the door, and when about to part, at the bottom of the stairs, these words passed.

J. L.—*I truly regret that I have not been able to convert thee to Quakerism for five minutes, that thou mightest feelingly appreciate my motives and my actions.*

S. P.—*I am sorry, Mr. Lancaster, that I cannot convert you to a Canadian citizen.*

J. L.—*Throwing up his hands with emotion.—Thank God, I am a citizen of the world.*

About two days afterwards, J. L. went down to the public Library, and on his return, towards the Emigrant Society Committee Room, he was accosted, in the Place d'Armes, by two gentlemen, A. Ferguson and R. Armour, Jun. They both solicited his instantaneous vote, saying that it was essential; then he accordingly went and gave his vote for Stanley Bagg, who returned thanks.

He then said: "I have been threatened on account of my intended vote, and in such a manner, that I would rather suffer death than give up the least particle of my birth right as a British freeman."

A voice, of a peculiar pitch, as if directed purposely to his ear, said: "The House of Assembly will not be taught by such as you."

J. L. saw Horatio Gates at the Emigrant Society's Office, and told him how he had been threatened four times on account of his vote, besides numbers of hints, which he took for airy nothings.

He was soon informed that the above speech emanated from Lafontaine, M. P. P., a confidential friend of Speaker Papineau.

A. Ferguson accompanied J. L. from Robert Henderson's door to the Poll, and heard the speech of Lafontaine, M. P. P. He understood it as others did, to imply a threat that no vote should be granted J. L. at the next session of the Assembly; under this impression A. Ferguson published the fact in the Herald.

A few days after, J. L. was surprised by the individual, who had thus publicly insulted him, coming, with a companion, to plead his sweet unoffending innocence.

J. L. had a visit from two gentlemen who were not personally known to him; as they did not announce themselves, he enquired their names, which they declined giving; one of them gave no reply, the other hesitated.

To the first name, he was answered by another question. To the second name, of no consequence, he only called