

Considering that I have received the consent of the Rt. Hon. the Marquis of Hartington (1) to the publication of correspondence with the late Lord Frederick Cavendish, relating to the first discovery of the conspiracy, now more fully developed, I am not stepping beyond the limits of respectful bearing if I point to certain conditions and suggest a query.

The highest human function is the administration of justice. To this end we are governed by direct or delegated authority. Can it be the function of the Minister of Customs, or of the Governor-General, to receive manufactured Records of Government which display their own one-sided falseness, and furnish an unanswerable indictment against their compiler and his evil methods?

It now remains for those who seek to mould public opinion, or profess to guide and protect public morality, to take the matter in hand, and aid in sustaining the principle on which our liberties rest,—that all men are equal before the law.

The independent press of both countries can do infinite good by persistently calling attention to this matter, inquiring into its insidious partiality, and denouncing a practice which can only lead to discontent and destroy the blessings of good neighbourhood.

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(1.) *Fraudulent Official Records of Government*.—Correspondence with the late Lord Frederick Cavendish, M. P. Published with the consent of the Rt. Hon. The Marquis of Hartington, M. P., Secretary of State. War Department, July, 1884.