

the Legislature to such a much called for measure. You may show this letter to the Provincial Secretary if you think proper.

I am, in great haste,
Yours faithfully,
WOLFRED NELSON.

Dr. HERRICK to Honorable F. HINCKS.

TORONTO, August 17, 1852.

MY DEAR HINCKS,—You might have recently observed that the condition and management of the Gaols, as regards the health of their inmates, has been the subject of severe animadversion in the public prints, no less than the complaints against the Provincial Lunatic Asylum.

Now it has occurred to me that if an Inspector of Gaols and Lunatic Asylums was appointed for the Western similar to that of the Eastern section of the Province, lately given to Dr. Nelson, no measure would afford greater public satisfaction. I have been led to make these observations, because I have made arrangements to proceed to Parliament for the purpose of obtaining justice for that much injured and long neglected, yet meritorious public servant, Dr. Rees—a man more eminently qualified from his experience and aptitude for such an office as the above, cannot be found, nor would any appointment give greater satisfaction.

The Legislature having two or three times recommended provision for him as compensation, and as no man has done more to aid the public,* I do hope that you will at once carry out this suggestion, together with the recommendation of the Committee in their Resolution of last Session, so that he may extricate himself from the embarrassment under which he has so long suffered.

I may venture to add that I feel assured Dr. Rolph will fully agree in all I have here advanced.

I am, dear Sir, yours truly,

GEORGE HERRICK, M. D.

To the Honorable F. Hincks, &c., &c.

Hon. Mr. CAYLEY to Hon. F. HINCKS.

MY DEAR SIR,—Will you allow me to introduce to your notice (though holiday time) a subject in which you must take a lively interest—the unhappy aborigines of this country. You are well aware of the satisfaction generally felt at the appointment of the Hon. W. B. Robinson to the very important and interesting service of settling the wild tribes of the west; that being accomplished, a permanent arrangement should be made to protect their interests.

On the eve of the removal of the Government from Toronto to Quebec, I feel assured that the poor Indians will not be overlooked, and that precautions will be taken to promote their spiritual as well as temporal welfare, by the selection of some competent party to devote his whole time and attention to their general wants. I have but to mention the name of Dr. Rees to enlist your sympathies and interest—a man of high professional attainments, great experience and trustworthy habits, with that peculiar idiosyncrasy which render him eminently qualified for this all-important charge. A word from you to the authorities that be will more than suffice the wishes of our friend; and by effecting his

From the Toronto Patriot, May 17th, 1839.

* “We this day lay before the public, a correct list of the Bills passed during the late Session of the Legislature, among which is one for the establishment of a Lunatic Asylum,—the public is mainly indebted to the indefatigable perseverance of Dr. Rees, who, we sincerely hope will be rewarded for his useful and praiseworthy zeal, by a post of Honor and emolument in the establishment, and not like Bentivoglio be denied admittance into the Hospital which he himself had erected.”

By Dr. Rees also was suggested the existing Provincial Board of Works, a means of saving vast sums to the public, adding greatly to the efficiency and preventing the abuses then so much complained of in that important branch of the public service.