

9th of the same month Lord Granville telegraphed "Let me know as soon as you can by telegram, result of negotiations with Red River delegates."

Having learned the arrest of the delegate, Lord Granville telegraphed on 18th April, "Was arrest of delegates authorized by the Canadian Government? Send full information by telegram."

To this Sir John Young replied on the following day. "Arrest of delegates was not authorized by the Canadian Government."

The uneasiness felt by Lord Granville, relative to the arrest of the delegates, proves how much his Lordship deplored the odious proceeding, and that the Revd. Mr. Richot had comprehended the views of the Imperial Government when addressing the following energetic protest to Sir John Young.

"To His Excellency Sir JOHN YOUNG,
Governor General of Canada.

"Excellency,"

"I, at this moment, address myself directly to you, the representative of the Sovereign and the guardian of British honor in this Country for to ask you to kindly order to respect in my person, the privilege belonging to a parliamenteer, to be exempt from all hostilities and all molestations until return to safe quarters. I am here in company with Judge Black and Mr. Scott, as representative of the North West Territory, invited by Your Excellency's proclamation, and on the assurances given by the Commissioners of Your Excellency's Government, especially by Mr. Smith and Colonel de Salabery."

"Mr. Scott and I came to Ottawa in company with Colonel de Salabery, and have been at the frontier met by a Magistrate who offered us, as the actual circumstances required, the safe conduct of his escort."

"Notwithstanding the inviolability with which we are invested, character respected at all times and by all nations, independent of all circumstances and complications, we are submitted to pursuits and indignities which the Government of Your Excellency no doubt deplore, but which do not seem to be coming to an end."

"I am accused of participation in the death of a man. Even if the thing were as true as it is radically false it would not alter my position as Parliamenteer invited and accepted by the Government of Your Excellency, for I came here trusting to a sacred pledge and under the guardianship of British and Canadian honor."

"For my own satisfaction, I declare to

Your Excellency before God and before men, that I have not in any way contributed to the death of a man. I know nothing more of the fact of the death of an individual called Scott (if it occurred) than what every one knows or thinks to know. At this very moment, I would be unable to give the least evidence in this affair, but, I repeat this does not interfere with my position as Parliamenteer, which renders me inviolable, and by which I am free from all civil or criminal jurisdiction."

"Relying on public honor and on the honourableness of Your Excellency and of those who with Your Excellency are the guardians thereof, I demand that an end be put to the persecutions and insults to which we are submitted."

"I postponed making this demand in order to not increase actual difficulties; but I feel that the dignity of my mission would suffer by a longer delay."

"Accept, Excellency, the assurance of the respect with which,

"I have the honor to be,

"Your humble and obed't. serv't.,

"(Signed), J. N. RICHOT."

Ottawa, 20th April, 1870.

The Private Secretary of His Excellency acknowledged receipt of the above document by the following:

RIDEAU HALL, April 22nd, 1870.

"SIR,—I am commanded by His Excellency the Governor General to acknowledge the receipt of your communication calling for the protection of His Excellency, and I have the honor to inform you that His Excellency has transmitted it to his council to be taken into consideration as soon as possible.

"I have the honor to be,

"Sir,

"Your most obedt. servt.,

(Signed.) "F. TURVILLE."

The delegates were then set at liberty. The deliberations began. On the 3rd of May, Sir John Young sent the following telegram: "Negotiations with the delegates closed satisfactorily."

On the 18th of the same month the Minister for the Colonies addressed the following letter to Sir John Young:

DOWNING STREET, 18th May, 1870.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your despatches Nos. 85 and 87 of the 25th and 29th April last, enclosing documents connected with the recent disturbances in the Red River territory. I am glad to learn that the proceedings adopted against the Rev. Mr.

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