

representative of Majesty, has treated them; that the call to arms from Lord Mulgrave should be heard by five and twenty thousand of the stalwart yeomanry of this Province, who are now smarting under the insult with which they were treated when he contemptuously passed by their respectful memorial without deigning one word of reply; and that on an occasion when it may be of the utmost importance that His Excellency should be able to command the united and cordial support of all parties, he should occupy a position which compelled some of the most influential public men in the Colony, from a sense of self-respect, to decline to sit at his table.

Familiar as your Lordship is with Colonial matters, and devoted as you have ever been to Colonial interests, I feel assured that more need not be added to prove the justice, the wisdom, and the advantage of giving to Nova Scotia a Lieutenant-Governor who, unconnected with our past party struggles, will rally around him the whole population undivided and enthusiastic in sustaining the honor of the Crown and the integrity of the Empire.

Having been three times returned to represent one of the largest and most intelligent constituencies in this Province, and having at much pecuniary sacrifice to myself held for three years an office in the Government, second only to that of the Lieutenant-Governor,—were I to consider my own interests and feelings, nothing would afford me greater pleasure than to retire from public life; but, my Lord, this is my native land and the home of my children; and, insignificant as the affairs of a distant Colony may appear to the British Cabinet, the political condition of Nova Scotia is not less important to her inhabitants than is that of the British Islands to your Lordship and those who reside there.

In the hope that in this consideration your Lordship will find my justification for trespassing upon your attention,

I beg to subscribe myself,

With the most profound respect,

Your Lordship's most obedient,

Most humble servant,

CHARLES TUPPER.

Halifax, Dec. 26th, 1861.