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INTRODUCTION.

Addressed to my Gaspé Friends,

This is intended as a short reply to the author of a scurrilous Pamphlet, addressed, and freely circulated, to the Electors and Freeholders of the County of Gaspé, and its adjoining one, the County of Bonaventure, last year—1854.

It is not a studied production or intended to convey any thing more than is elucidated in its pages or columns. It is written as a kind of counterpoise, and intended for the good and information of the public generally, inhabiting the two counties; and it is hoped, if perused carefully, with a proper disposition, and cool reflection, (which is the writer's aim) that it may form a beacon or land-mark to the rising generation, not to act in future with that unpremeditated haste, precipitation, or heedlessness, as their Forefathers have hitherto done, in the choice and selection of a Representative.

The writer of this work, although poor, is not ashamed of his poverty. He would be ashamed of wealth if he had ever stooped to acquire it by servility or corruption.— If he has failed to raise himself to independence or title, he has always wished to be known as honest, and independent in spirit, many an example having shown him, that an ill-gained reputation, although it may