

the public to judge, whether you most deserve the indignation or the contempt of every honorable man, for the frequent and daring displays of the most base and malicious credulity, by which the whole tenor of your pamphlet is distinguished.

Before concluding this correspondence, however, it would be unreasonable not to acknowledge the liberality of the observations you have made, at page 22, regarding a provision for the education of youth, and for the maintenance of the Clergy. Nothing less than a high sense of your own superior judgement, and the deep interest which you naturally felt in the latter object, could have induced you to commit to print, any plan for the improvement of a colony, which in your own opinion you had demonstrated to be impracticable; but a proposal, for maintaining independently, the Clergy of each religious sect, which might be found to a parish, is peculiarly liberal on your part, since by abandoning the Kirk of Scotland, as soon as you found, that the high road to promotion was to be successfully followed, by taking orders in another, you had given a proof, that you considered these varieties of little importance.

Having now replied, pretty fully, to every objection, worthy of an argument, which you have produced against the Colony, you would probably feel hurt, if I took leave of you, without noticing the trash, which you have trumpeted forth, about wolves, and on which you lay so much stress. If the fear of wolves devouring their sheep, had deterred mankind from entering upon new and uncultivated countries, where would have been the importance of the discovery, which has conferred immortality on the name of Columbus; where would have been the vast dominions of the Spaniards; where would have been the extensive Empire of the Portuguese, in South America; where would have been the wide spreading establishments of the United States; where would have been the provinces of British North America; where, in fine, would have been your Rectorship of York, in Upper Canada? Do not deceive yourself, sir; those, who have undertaken to colonize the District of Ossiniboia, are not so sheepish, as either to be deterred from their purpose, by the howling of wolves, or driven to surrender their rights, by the violence of incendiaries.

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