

The undersigned has his own reasons for publishing without abridgement or comment the Statements which follow. Those reasons were partially disclosed in a note dated 23rd May, 1855, published in the *Quebec Gazette*, in the following terms :

*To the Editor of the Quebec Gazette.*

SIR,—People often enquire why I caused to be published in the “*Journal de Québec*” so many certificates and attestations. It is that question which I propose to answer.

In the events which took place in '37 and '38 rumor assigned to me a frightful part. I had waded knee deep in French Canadian blood; I had drunk of it; I had torn out the hearts of slain husbands and sent them to their bereaved widows. What is more, I had entered a church on horse-back, and made my horse drink out of the sacred vessels. All this I heard seriously imputed to me with my own ears. It was invented and circulated, it is true, for electioneering purposes by those who must have known that they were lying; but these calumnies sunk deep in the mind of, at least, the lower classes. Then the Government of Earl Cathcart confirmed that impression, for they inferred, or were taught to believe, that my conduct must have been very atrocious indeed—else had I not been abandoned and injured as I was by the “*Permanent Representative of the Queen*,” as he styled himself.

Last autumn at a public meeting I was reminded of these charges, and whatever might be the opinion of the educated classes, I found that the lower orders looked upon me as a veritable cannibal, and a sacrilegious ultra Protestant, to boot. I confess that I felt alarmed, and doubtless had I by any accident been brought before a jury, I should, however innocent, have been convicted long before I could have entered upon my defence. I was told so, and felt it to be true. Then in those contests in the courts of law which the possession of property entails, I always found it difficult, sometimes impos-