

TORONTO, September 1st, 1862.

MY LORD BISHOP,

Other avocations prevented my noticing earlier the statements which appear in the *third* letter, a short time since issued by you to your Bishops and Clergy, and publicly circulated.

These, as well as all your Lordship's statements in connection with General Evans' proposition about the Sherbrook-street Church, carry with them their own refutation, and any further notice of them would be quite unnecessary, if they had not emanated from a person who occupies the high position in the Church of England of Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Montreal and Metropolitan.

That position necessarily carries with it a large amount of influence, both social, with the clergy, and in the community at large.—The mere fact that a charge has come from your Lordship would almost *prima facie* support its correctness. No one who is affected by such a charge, can possibly treat it with the silent contempt it would have merited, and would have received so far as the General's family is concerned, if it had originated from a less influential source.

But if because your Lordship is the author of the charge, and the arraigner and accuser before the bar of public opinion, of General Evans and Archdeacon Hellmuth, in their joint conspiracy to entrap you, it is necessary not to pass over such a charge in silence, but to offer a complete vindication : and if such a vindication is considered complete and satisfactory by the public : your Lordship's position before the community will be the more humiliating, as the necessity was the greater for entering upon such a vindication.

I am conscious, however, that while I attempt this, and will secure the judgment of every unprejudiced person, who may trouble himself to understand the questions that have been raised, it will be impossible to entirely overcome the influence of your position in the Church ; and I may possibly be subjected to similar letters of the coarse and ungentlemanly character of those which have fallen from some clergymen in their attempts to assist your Lordship, in your contest with Archdeacon Hellmuth.

In my letter of the 17th of May last, I took occasion to remonstrate