

Lordship was *anxious* to see him *without delay*. Mr. Papineau not being in so extreme a hurry as his excellency, returned an answer that he should wait on his Lordship on the next day. He accordingly called, and the Governor began by expressing the great friendship he entertained for the gentleman with whom he was conversing; he lamented the great excitement which prevailed among the populace, and expressed an anxiety for the settlement of what was called the *financial* question—that is, the supply bill—in the hope that when money would be voted, the excitement would be allayed. He then told Mr. P., with an appearance of great alarm, that he had it from good authority that a conspiracy, or plot was in existence to assassinate him (Lord Gosford,) Mr. Papineau and another member of the assembly who was obnoxious to the tory party. Pretending much anxiety, he requested Mr. Papineau never to go abroad *alone*, and wound up by assuring him that he had no doubt but all these excitements and conspiracies would disappear *if the house of assembly would vote the supplies!*

It is unnecessary to say that Mr. Papineau treated this attempt to frighten him with contempt. He thanked his Lordship for this kind anxiety for his safety, but begged him to divest himself of all alarm on his account. He never adopted the least precaution in consequence of this communication—

pursued his course as usual—opposed the demands of the government, and refused to make any concessions until the public grievances were redressed.

Other instances of Mr. P.'s coolness and contempt of danger might be given, but our limits oblige us to be brief. The *rationale* of the accusation is easily seen through its flimsy veil. What is wanted, is, that Mr. Papineau should be seen in arms. To drive him to this, has been the wish of the colonial government. First he was arrested; next, it was whispered that a warrant was out against him. Did the executive want possession of his person? Evidently not, or he would have been the first seized. What they wanted was to drive him into open rebellion. In this they have not succeeded. He withdrew from the town, and the official faction is now infuriated because he has not been found in open rebellion. They now taunt him with cowardice, in the hope that he will be goaded on to what they desire—herein they merely under-estimate his moral courage.

We shall now close this hastily written notice. Whatever may be the fate of Mr. Papineau, we are quite sure his future conduct will be consistent with his past life, and that he will maintain that dignity of character for which among his compatriots he is esteemed and honored.

