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My Dear Sir,

You will perceive by the enclosed letter that I lost no time in replying to your valued favour of the 21 April - I intended to have sent it by Mr. C. Brewster of your city but missed him, and have had it lying by me since - Like yourself I have so little confidence in our post office that I seldom send political letters in that way - With regard to the C. & T. Revenue, I still think that if the Imperial Gov^t would honestly expend the money in promoting public improvements it would be as good an arrangement as we could make - It is to me & several other Reformers here a doubtful question whether the proceeds of land belongs strictly to the Local Legislature & the analogous case of the States is against us - My principal objection however is, that they won't give us up the Revenue except conditionally, and part of the conditions here is, to charge the women with Salaries
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to priests of different religious bodies. Who then become
Agents of the government and absolutely a curse to
the country. I feel certain too, that if we once had
responsible government as in England without disfranchising
points, we should in a very short time obtain every
thing we have ever asked. I was delighted to hear
of the retraction of the Judge. Did you ever
see the article in the Examiner on this case? It was
never replied to & the Herald is ready enough to catch
at me when he feels himself able. Our House
did better than we expected bad as it is, and consid-
ering that Polph., Duncanson Gibbon & Hodge (all strong
Reform counts) were misrepresented by Ulster Tins who
kept in when the people were advised to go to the polls.
The Corrupt Practices Bill appointing W. & Robinson (Chief Justice)
to be Commissions in England to report on was thrown
out despite all the gov^t. influence by a majority
of ours. The Casual & Territorial Reserves bills were
annulled by striking out the amendments to priests

I was in Montreal viewed for the Royal agent. The
Clay Reserve bill was in dispute the whole session
of the liberals were only in a minority of one or two -
The Tories could not settle it as they wished but on Friday
night after 12. written up them 24 hours of the close
of the session, in a stem house, 3 strong reformers having
gone home most improperly that day, the Tory measure

Unanimously carried by a majority
of one at this owing to the defection

of two members who changed sides - One of them was
in the following day gazetted Colonel of Militia! Under
these circumstances the Tories have no great cause for
triumph considering it is Sir F. Head's loyal house - Small
motion for responsible gov^t failed of course - 5 members
not belonging to our old Reform party voted with us &
may be depended on in future - We are certain of success
at the next election - I observe the Herald's remark about
the Constitutioners - That party must go down. The Leapfoot
to us, and it would appear that nothing will be done for Canada
at present. Nova Scotia will help us out Archives de la Ville de Montréal
and her delegates. The Colonial Gazette published in London takes a

very liberal views of politics considering the quarter
from which it emanates. I think the London Convention
cannot must be getting sick of their own policy & yet
they hardly know what to do. I presume your intention
to me to introduce any of our reform friends who
may visit Montreal which I should feel pleased
to do. I wish I could go there myself, but I
am completely tied down. I shall be at all times
Lobby & hear from you mean time. Remain

Dear Sir

Your faithful & obedt Servt

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9th May 1839

St. Nicholas, Que.

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