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My dear Mr Chesson

Since the date of my  
long letter I have been sub-  
jected to considerable annoyance  
and pain in consequence of  
the decided attitude which  
I still maintain in relation  
to the oppressors of the un-  
fortunate natives of the  
North West.

In the letter of an English  
Lady which I enclose you will  
at once see my present pro-  
sition even so far as my  
governing powers are concerned  
The (Bishop and committee) are  
afraid to act independently

Let interested parties upon  
Whom they depend for funds  
Should be offended. I have  
spoken and written matter  
of fact, which has brought  
down the wrath of the wicked  
perpetrators upon me, and in-  
stead of standing by me as  
they should have done. They  
have in a great measure  
quitted to the papal authority  
and have now strictly enjoined  
me to keep my mouth shut  
and my pen still. And  
the Bishop has gone so far  
as to try to force me to a  
written engagement, that I  
would not communicate any  
vile facts. (Cruelty &c) to any  
public bodies. The blow being

I firmly believe aimed  
chiefly at your own society.  
But such engagement as you  
may suppose I have not given.  
I desire you to receive the facts  
I have ~~sent~~ <sup>sent</sup> you as from a  
private friend, you can of course  
use them in the best and wisest  
way without letting my name  
appear (for the present)

The warrants for the arrest of my  
assailants have not yet been issued  
although I have interviewed the  
Governor upon the subject. There  
is truly speaking but little right  
and justice to be got in this  
strange colony.

I remain

Yours truly  
J. B. Gribble

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