

it is really worth, and not according to reports which must be more or less false and erroneous.

I am therefore now of opinion, that it would be an act of justice to me, and for the interest of all those who have taken part in this correspondence that it should be at once published,—and that it should be so at my instance rather than in any other way. I flatter myself that you will coincide in opinion with me, and that you will give your consent to a proceeding which I had not anticipated and sincerely regret, but to which I am driven by circumstances.

In effecting the publication, I propose to leave out all that does not bear upon the principal matter;—I have looked upon many of your notes as destined for my eye alone; they have never been shewn, and have never gone out of my hands. These will be omitted, unless you express your wish to the contrary, of which you will please to inform me.

Waiting your answer, I have the honor to subscribe myself,

Dear Sir,

Your very devoted servant,

E. CARON.

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(From the Hon. W. H. Draper to the Hon. R. E. Caron.)

MONTREAL, 6th April, 1846.

MY DEAR SIR,—I delayed answering your note of this morning from the necessity of consulting some friends, as to the course I ought to take. A new feature has just presented itself. Mr. Lafontaine has, a few minutes ago, given Notice that to-morrow he will communicate the correspondence he has to the House. I do not know what portion of the correspondence between you and myself is in his hands—I assume that all that has been written is not. My consent to publication is now quite unnecessary, and I am, on the contrary, obliged to ask you to allow me to make public any thing you and I have interchanged, which Mr. Lafontaine either may not choose, or may not be able, from not possessing it, to communicate.

I am told that it has been asserted that some letter of Mr. Lafontaine to you was sent or communicated to me, and that I answered it. I wish your authority for stating that you never communicated to me, either Mr. Lafontaine's letter, or that of any other person relating to this matter, otherwise than your letter of the 17th September last may be considered communication of them.

Your answer before the House meet to-morrow will oblige

Your, my dear Sir,

Very faithfully,

W. H. DRAPER.