

Dear Sir

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The post did not arrive untill one O'clock this day by which I suppose the roads are very bad; the report of the committee of Council on the charges against Judge DeMouville, came on this day before Lord Dorchester and the whole Council never was a cause so badly managed on both sides it is impossible to Judge how it will be determined as no part of the Evidence was read, but to Judge from the report I think it most probable, my Confere has got himself into a scrape and brought forward charges of a very serious nature that he has not been able to support - with respect to your hint about my removing to Montreal, I can only say that I have for some time had serious thoughts of it and if I could meet with any encouragement from the Gentlemen at that place would immediately carry it into execution, tho his Lordship who has been very much my friend, has advised me to remain here untill the new constitution takes place, as he may have it in his power to render me some service tho I cant see what difference that would make as all the new appointments except one will be in the upper districts - the combination you mention amongst the Gentlemen of the Barr is infamous and certainly a very great reflection on the profession No wonder the people are dissatisfied - I have



The Memorial you mention his Lordship was  
kind enough to send us a copy, I can't help  
thinking the plan a bad one, as it would add to  
the Map of ignorance, & fatally experienced in the  
Law proceedings of this Country which God knows  
is sufficiently great already, if My friend, Henry  
Howard and your self will, feel the pulse of such  
of your and my acquaintance, as you chuse to  
speak to on the subject, with respect to the encou-  
ragement I may expect, I will thank you  
and if you think I stand a good chance to succeed  
you will cast about for an hour, a small one will  
suit me, as my eldest and youngest boys will  
remain here if I remove, so that my family will  
consist of three only - it is almost four & I must  
conclude assuring you that I am with great regard

Your friend and  
honor'd Servant

John Artlett







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Mr James Morrison  
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