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CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN THE HON. MALCOLM CAMERON AND THE COLOURED STOCKHOLDERS OF THE ELGIN ASSOCIATION.

[From the *Montreal Pilot*.]

We publish the following correspondence with great pleasure, having already, on more than one occasion, advocated the rights of our coloured fellow-subjects in this province, and expressed our surprise and indignation at the attempt made to take them away. The opponents of free settlement may be reminded that we are not yet annexed, and that it is far too soon to anticipate, by an anti-British policy, an event the possible occurrence of which is contemplated by the lovers of genuine freedom and independence with strong feelings of aversion. The prejudice against colour is a moral weakness, to say the least, of which an Englishman should be ashamed. It ought to have no place among us.

To the Hon. Malcolm Cameron:—

Sir,—We the undersigned Committee have been appointed by a number of Coloured Stockholders of the Elgin Association, to ask your views on a subject that chiefly concerns our civil rights. Your long residence in the Western part of the Province, where most of our people are settled, makes you well acquainted with our condition, and the many disadvantages under which we labour, in consequence of an unjust prejudice, which deprives our children, in a great measure, of the use of the Common Schools, and excludes us from participating in the rights and privileges guaranteed to us by law. This prejudice has lately assumed a hostile form, in an Address published at Chatham, in August last, the object of which is to prevent us from settling where we please, and, if carried into effect, would eventually drive us from the Province. As you represent the County where the Elgin Association have purchased land for Coloured settlers, they wish to know if you are in favour of our settling there, or any other place that we may select in the Province, and if you will aid us in obtaining all the rights and privileges to which we are entitled by law. An answer at your earliest convenience will oblige the Committee.—W. R. ABBOTT, DAVID HOLLIN, ADOLPHUS JUDAH.

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