

Montreal 18 April 1871
L. J. Hanson
Dear Sir

Some time
Mr. Duggall publishes the 7c of that
unpleasant case of Steadman.
I felt sure it would not be
agreeable to you to do so & I
knew it was specially painful to the
widow. I think I have the first
copy comes into her hands
and I have made several copies
& therefore I took pains to try
to prevent publication. It
was therefore with much regret that
I saw the notice in the papers &
that it is copied into the other
papers. Perhaps on the
business of that of her
family you would be so kind as

submit to your views & Mr Duffell
at that some explanation might be
made

I believe the press should
be independent & uncontrolled
but there are cases, such as
the case of King of the press and
should from interfering with
liberty.

I am Sir

Very truly
yours

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