confidence, such information as will enable us to form an opinion upon the subject, so as to act advisedly when we get together in general Committee. — There is no man, I know, in Lower Canada, whose information upon this subject is more to be relied upon than yours, & no man in the State of more openness & candour. — I pray you therefore to let me hear from you, as soon as possible, and if for any reason you shall wish it to be so, your information to me shall be considered confidential. — Do write to me upon this subject, immediately. —

What will the Legislature do for our poor Colleges? — The Gods only know, help us all you can. —

In great haste, but with the highest respect & regard,

I am, My dear Sir,

Yours most truly

J. McNaughton

Col. Gilfillan. —

P.S. It is said here, that Emery's popularity in L. A. has been injured by his vote upon the Potomac canal, & that Hopper in your county is stronger than he is — We will take any man that is considered strongest, & you may depend upon it, if we make a good selection, that we will beat my friend Rees blind —