

Directors to publish, the following paragraph in a letter to Mr. Creak, dated the 29th May last:—

“Mr. Nelson has no property or place of residence in Canada, and could only be prosecuted criminally, which the law officers of the Crown strongly advised against, knowing the difficulty of getting a jury to convict a private person at the suit of the corporation. The sworn affidavits in the London office prove the entire honesty of the storekeepers, and the utter worthlessness of Nelson’s statements.”

On my return to England I wrote to the Directors as follows:—

(Copy.)

“2, WESTMINSTER CHAMBERS,
“16th August, 1869.

“SIR,—On my recent return from Canada my attention was called to the following paragraph in a letter from Mr. Brydges to Mr. Creak, on the 29th of May last, and published in the railway papers by order of your Directors.

“‘Mr. Nelson has no property or place of residence in Canada, and could only be prosecuted criminally, which the law officers of the Crown strongly advised against, knowing the difficulty of getting a jury to convict a private person at the suit of the corporation. The sworn affidavits in the London office prove the entire honesty of the storekeepers and the utter worthlessness of Nelson’s statements.’

“Having resided for the last nine months in Canada, and had considerable property there, and having been put to 1,000l. costs in demolishing two civil and two criminal suits brought against me by the officials of the Grand Trunk Railway there, I read Mr. Brydges’ letter with some astonishment, and am anxious to see what is said in the affidavits referred to, especially as they (the Grand Trunk officials), in the opinion of the Canadian people, utterly failed in impugning anything which I had written about the Grand Trunk management, or my veracity or honesty in any particular.

“As I feel bound to answer this statement of Mr. Brydges, will you please ask your Board to permit me to read and take copies of the affidavits referred to?

“I am, sir,

“Your most obedient servant,

“JOSEPH NELSON.”

“J. M. Grant, Esq.,

“G. T. Railway,

“21, Old Broad-street, E.C.”

And received the following reply:—

“OFFICES OF THE GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY COMPANY OF CANADA,

“21, OLD BROAD-STREET, LONDON, E.C.,

“18th August, 1869.

“SIR,—Having laid your letter of the 16th before the Board, I am directed to inform you that they must decline any communication with