

day of September next, at noon, for the purpose of making enquiry and taking evidence concerning the allegations contained in the Resolution, and fully set forth in the Commission. You are requested to furnish to the Commission, with all convenient diligence, a list of the witnesses whom you may wish to examine, in order that they may be duly summoned to appear on the day and at the place above specified, and you are requested then and there to proceed with your evidence in the premises.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed,)

CHARLES D. DAY,

Chairman.

OTTAWA, 21st August, 1873.

SIR,—I have the honor to inform you, that the Commissioners appointed to inquire into and report upon the several matters contained and stated in a certain Resolution, moved by the Hon. Mr. Huntington, in the House of Commons, on the 2nd April, 1873, relating to the Canadian Pacific Railway, will meet in the Parliament House, in the City of Ottawa, on Thursday, the fourth day of September next, at noon, for the purpose of making inquiry and taking evidence under the authority of the Commission concerning the allegations and matters contained in that Resolution, and that notice has been given to the Honorable Mr. Huntington to appear and proceed with his evidence then and there.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed,)

CHARLES D. DAY.

Chairman.

MONTREAL, 26th August, 1873.

TO THE HONORABLE CHARLES D. DAY, *Chairman,*
Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st of August instant, enclosing a copy of the Royal Commission, appointing Commissioners to enquire into and report upon the several matters stated in the Resolution moved by me in the House of Commons, on the 2nd day of April last, and requesting me to furnish to the Commission a list of the witnesses I might wish to examine, in order that they may be duly summoned to appear, and to proceed with my evidence.

I have to call your attention to the fact, apparent on the face of the Commission, that it was as a member of the House of Commons, and from my place in Parliament, that I preferred these charges against Ministers of the Crown, and members of that House, which, on the 8th day of April last, entertained the charges, determined to investigate them itself, and appointed a Select Committee to enquire into and report upon them; and to the further fact, apparent on the Journals of the House, that to the said Committee I furnished a list of some of the principal witnesses, whose evidence I believe could establish my charges, and I have always been ready to proceed to the proof thereof before the tribunal constituted by the House for the investigation.

The determination of the Commons to investigate these charges remains unaltered, and I deem it inconsistent with my duty as a member of Parliament, and a breach of the undoubted privileges of the House, to recognize any inferior or exceptional tribunal, created to enquire into charges still pending before the Commons, and so essentially affecting the privileges, dignity and independence of Parliament.

I believe that it is a breach of those privileges, that a Royal Commission issued without the special sanction of the House, should take any cognizance of, or should as-