

the Common Pleas Division of the High Court of Justice, considered our claim to the money to be so well founded that it directed an issue to be tried, the form of which you will find with the decision arrived at by the Court reported in the *Canada Law Journal*, Vol. 21, p. 134 (current vol.). The issue was directed to be tried at the present assizes for the County of York, but in view of the possible passing of this Bill we arranged with the Deputy Attorney General of this Province that the trial should be postponed until the summer assizes for the County of York. We submit that your Government should disallow this Act. It is a direct interference with private rights, if our clients have any. We believe our clients have a legal right to this money. We are offered evidence that it was paid to McKim for services performed by him, and if the Act be not disallowed we are deprived of even the privilege of trying our client's rights in the ordinary course of the Courts of this Province.

We hope you will give this communication your consideration, and if further information or evidence is required before the Government can act, we shall be happy to supply it.

We have, &c.,

(Signed) WALKER & SCOTT.

Sir ALEX. CAMPBELL, K.C.M.G.,  
Minister of Justice, Ottawa.

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*Lieutenant Governor to Secretary of State.*

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, TORONTO, 1st June, 1885.

SIR,—Adverting to your despatch of 16th ultimo, forwarding a copy of a communication addressed to the Hon. the Minister of Justice by Messrs. Walker and Scott, of the City of Hamilton, barristers at law, on the subject of an Act recently passed by the Legislative Assembly of this Province, entitled: "An Act in respect of certain sums of money ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be impounded in the hands of the Speaker," I have now the honor to inform you that in the view of my Government the Act referred to was and is a just measure, passed in the exercise of the undoubted legislative jurisdiction possessed by the Province, and with full knowledge and after full consideration by the Legislature of all the facts.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) J. B. ROBINSON,

*Lieutenant Governor of Ontario.*

The Honorable  
The Secretary of State, Ottawa.

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*General Report of the Hon. the Minister of Justice.*

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OTTAWA, 24th February, 1886.

*To His Excellency the Governor General in Council:*

The undersigned having carefully considered the Acts mentioned in the schedule hereto, has the honor respectfully to recommend that they be left to their operation.

By Chapter 5, intituled: "An Act in respect of certain sums of money ordered by the Legislative Assembly to be impounded in the hands of the Speaker," the sums of \$1,000 and \$800 in the preamble of the Act stated to have been delivered by a certain person to two members of the Legislative Assembly for the purpose and under the hope of thereby influencing their votes as members of the Legislative