

in Council, and having regard to the facts and circumstances above stated, Your Petitioners humbly pray that the said tenders for the said work be reconsidered, and that Your Petitioners be awarded the contract on the terms and conditions offered in the tender submitted by the American Bank Note Company.

And, as in duty bound, Your Petitioners will ever Pray.

THE BRITISH AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY.

(Signed) G. B. BURLAND,

OTTAWA, 28th January, 1897.

*President.*

The two following letters merit attention :—

The Honorable WILFRED LAURIER,

Premier of Canada, Ottawa.

OTTAWA, Feby. 6th, 1897.

Honorable and Dear Sir:—Before final judgment is passed by you on our national enterprise, might I ask you to spare one half hour's time to visit the establishment and fully understand from observation, the modes and methods of producing Bank Note work, the information thus obtained from such observation, we are fully satisfied, will enable you to overcome all erroneous statements on the subject, and enable you more fully to see the benefit to be derived by maintaining our institution in this country, in preference to handing it over to foreigners, with such an alien Labor Law against all hope of our people being able to gain employment out of the country. It will also enable you to more fully understand the terms offered by the American, and what terms are to be arranged with them. So far as we can see, the conditions to be allowed the American makes null and void the specifications we have tendered on, and we do feel that notwithstanding any errors of judgment, good faith is to be kept with them, it also ought to be kept with us.

Feeling that you are very busy at present, and that I am still in the doctor's hands, Friday and Saturday next, or the early part of the following week, might perhaps be convenient.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

G. B. BURLAND, Pres't.

The following letter was sent to the Postmaster General :—

The Honorable W. MULOCK,

Postmaster General, Ottawa.

OTTAWA, Feby. 6th, 1897.

Honorable and Dear Sir:—Your last few kind words spoken to me were full of meaning, in which you mentioned that the present Government had nothing to do with the past, but that the future was to make their record. I would therefore ask of you from your well-known high standard of justice and desire to benefit the country, that you would spare us about half an hour of your valuable time to visit the establishment and see the mode and operations, and terms used in doing Bank Note work.

We know that there have been erroneous views with reference to this work, and that we have been placed at a great disadvantage owing to the fact of the lowest tender being considered the cheapest work. The information to be gained by personal observation will fully decide whether the best interests of the country will be served by handing it over to foreigners, with such an alien labor law against all hope of our people being able to gain employment out of the country. Had we been aware, or received any information that the Americans were to be allowed certain privileges and conditions, our mode of tendering would have been on equal terms.

We will be most happy to wait on you at any time you can spare a few minutes, as above mentioned, as we have much greater faith in proper remedies being applied at the present critical time than a funeral operation after death.

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