

Though the Act is silent regarding the power to dismiss an Inspector who has proved himself unqualified for the office, or who has misconducted himself, I am of opinion that the Council of Public Instruction has the power of dismissal, for in addition to the general control given to that body, the Act authorizes it to make provisions, not inconsistent with its terms, to meet exigencies occurring under its operation.

The Council of Public Instruction cannot in my opinion legally appoint an Inspector of Schools *contrary to, or without the recommendation of the Superintendent of Education*, for the act explicitly states that the appointment is to be made upon the recommendation of that officer, and the power of appointment by the Government without that recommendation is limited to certain officers named in the Act.

J. W. RITCHIE.

Halifax, 20th Sept., 1869.

VII.

COPY OF PETITION FROM TEACHERS' PROVINCIAL ASSOCIATION.

To the Honorable the Council of Public Instruction :

We, the undersigned, officers of the Provincial Association of Nova Scotia, beg respectfully to state that we have learned with deep regret that F. W. George, Esq., has been dismissed from the office of Inspector of Schools for Cumberland County, more particularly as his dismissal and the appointment of his successor are understood, and generally recognized, to be on political grounds.

We are of opinion that making Educational appointments either really or seemingly political, would be productive of the most destructive consequences to the educational interests of Nova Scotia.

The Association has always held that the higher educational appointments should be looked forward to by the