

TORONTO, 15TH JULY, 1880.

SIR,—

I beg leave to call the attention of the Department to my letter of the 1st March which still remains without notice.

I have, &c.,

(Signed) WILLIAM KINGSFORD.

MAJOR CHAPLEAU,

Secretary Public Works.

No. 2734.

OTTAWA, 22ND JULY, 1880.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th inst., calling the attention of this Department to your communication of the 1st March last, in which you request re-employment as Engineer-in-Charge of Harbors in the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario, or that allowance be granted you equal to one year's salary.

I am directed to state that your case still remains under the consideration of the Hon. the Minister.

I have, &c.,

WM. KINGSFORD, ESQ., C. E.,

Toronto, Ont.

(Signed),

S. CHAPLEAU,

Secretary.

194 WILBROD STREET, OTTAWA,
20th August, 1880.

SIR,—I have addressed three letters to the Secretary of the Department, and they have simply been acknowledged. I beg leave, therefore, to write directly to yourself as Minister of Public Works, to ask your attention to my letter of the 1st March last, which led to the two subsequent communications.

In that letter I set forth that after eight years' service on the last day of the year, I had been dismissed. My services were, however, retained until the completion of the two annual reports, and it was not until the last days of February that this duty was terminated.

My engagement with the Department was an annual one, and I have expressed my willingness personally to fulfil the year's service. On the other hand, if this offer be not acceptable, I have claimed a year's pay by virtue of the engagement so abruptly terminated by your instructions.

Six months have elapsed since this letter was written. It virtually remains unnoticed. That it is not the intention of the Government to give me professional employment, I have been made thoroughly to understand. Other parties have been placed to the duties I have so long carried on; and my designs for the work placed this year under contract have been entrusted to others to execute. Impediments have also been created so that my services could not be accepted in other Departments; and whatever your silence, the impression is fully established that my services are in no way desired.

But I can claim to be treated with justice and fairness. I am a citizen of Canada, and I have my rights as a British subject. I do not suppose that there ever was an instance, under British rule, that a man of my years, with my service and antecedents, has been dealt with as I have been—a course, as injurious to my interests as it seriously affects my professional reputation. Had I been guilty of crime, or vice, or even neglect, I could not have been treated with greater harshness. In my eight years' service, I had never but six day's leave. My work, which is on record behind me, is a proof of the honesty, the loyalty, the ability with which I have fulfilled my obligations. Such a record