

THE COMMISSIONER—I wrote you informing you of the fact that the government gave me to understand that in the summing up it is a matter for my own individual personal benefit, and if I am willing to take the responsibility of directing Mr. Holland to report the argument for my benefit, at a cost of \$100, it is all right.

MR. McCALLUM—Very well; you can sum up that matter. You have got the evidence there and do not want my assistance; but I wanted, in justice to myself, in justice to this whole case, as I think the argument should be there, and if I have not proved what I say, all right, and I will not go a step further. You can go on.

MR. RYKERT—Mr. Johnston will take down the argument.

MR. McCALLUM—I have no feeling about the matter.

THE COMMISSIONER—Your tone is not pleasant. You say I can go on. Of course I will go on, if I see fit, without asking anybody's permission. I want to tell you, before you go, I will have that taken down in typewriting, so that you will have no excuse.

(Mr. McCallum retires.)

MR. RYKERT—I am sorry Mr. McCallum flies in a passion. I expected to have the benefit of his argument—and to answer it.

THE COMMISSIONER—I will write to Mr. McCallum telling him I will have the argument taken down in shorthand, and written out, commencing at 2 o'clock. Adjourned till 2 P. M.

AFTER ADJOURNMENT.

THE COMMISSIONER—I sent a communication to Senator McCallum, stating that, as he had such strong feelings with reference to having his argument reported in typewriting, that I had decided to employ Mr. Johnston, an expert, who was present, for that purpose, for his benefit, and for the benefit of Mr. Ellis; and that I hoped he would be here at 2 o'clock to go on with his argument. I may state that I received a letter from Mr. McCallum, in which he declines to proceed with his argument. He thinks he was not fairly treated in the matter, and declines to go on with it.

THE COMMISSIONER—I may state here that I intend to avail myself, before I make out my report, by applying to Mr. Page for any information I may consider necessary in reference to this matter. Whenever I apply for any information I think is of sufficient importance I will send a copy of it here to you, so that you will know exactly the question and reply from him, and I shall probably supply Mr. McCallum with the same thing. I regret very much that Mr. McCallum should have felt hurt at anything I should have said, from the fact that my only object in refusing to have it in typewriting was simply a matter of economy and saving an expense which I considered unnecessary, and I had no idea that Mr. McCallum was so exceedingly anxious to reach the public through the typewriting.

And now I call upon Mr. Rykert to proceed with any remarks he wishes to make in connection with this matter.

MR. RYKERT—I regret exceedingly that Mr. McCallum, who has seen fit to make these charges in the Senate, and who has been the cause of this Commission being issued to make an inquiry into the management of the Canal, should have at