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truly,
R. M. WELLS.

February, 1873.

last evening at
the Proton Out-
solutions passed
so strongly, and
unjustly, yet it
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kind regards,
A. OLIVER.

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Mr. PARDEE. It
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ARDEE said, after
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Feb. 19, 1874.

of the 12th inst
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nity never came,

for they continued to bring down every per-
son that would testify, as directed by Lauder
& Co., until too late to bring in their report.

When I was called upon to testify, they
would allow me to say nothing only answer
such questions as they put to me; and they
were careful not to ask any questions that
gave me a chance to explain how I came to
see the Hon. A. McKellar, or as to the con-
versation that took place between us, or I
could have put that all right.

When I arrived in the County of Grey I
took a person with me by the name of Mc-
AULEY; went down into Melancthon, took
in another person by the name of Palmer;
they were with me that evening, and went
to the meeting held by Mr. Nixon in the
interest of Mr. Dickey; they heard all I said
there, so did Mr. Nixon; after he and Dodds
got through they (Palmer and McAuley),
returned to May's where we got tea and
stopped all night, I paying the bill the next
morning. The day before the election Mr.
McAuley and I started through Proton; went
to a school house where we met a few elect-
ors, and from there to Cedarville; and from
the time I arrived in the County of Grey
until I left, there were from one to quite a
number with me and heard all I said. Now,
I do affirm I never did say or promise
anything they (the Tories) allege my having
promised or said, and further say, if there was
any outrage committed in Grey that Lauder,
Cameron & Co., committed it. I did not
say anything to give the least offence or
kick up a row as was stated by McArdle,
who was returning officer at Ronaldsay, in
Proton. He left his polling place, came out
into the road, made a speech of some
length; told the people to drive me away,
which did create quite an excitement. He
was very much annoyed because I told the
people to elect Dickey, as I was sure the
present Government had no confidence in
Lauder, and was doubtful whether the late
Government ever had, as they bought him.
Mr. McArdle followed me the day before
down to Cedarville, and there did all he
could to get up a fight or a row of some
description. Now, I never did mention the
Hon. E. Blake's name unless in connection
with the Reform Government; nor did I
mention any other person connected with
the Government in any way, only the Hon.
A. McKellar, as saying the present Govern-
ment intended to carry out what they advo-
cated while in the Opposition, and while
in Grey he (McKellar) was sorry to see that
the people there were worse off than he
anticipated—which I thought very much in
their favor, as he had been observing enough
to see their condition.

Now, in the foregoing paragraph, I have
only set forth such facts as I can prove, and

I ask you ought I, after thirty-four years of
hard fighting—spending time and money
often when I could ill afford it—settle down
and become tame and quiet under such a
resolution as that passed by the House, on
the motion of Mr. Mowat. My friends (or
supposed friends) allowing my (or our) ene-
mies to take up the whole time of a session
to injure and traduce me, and through me to
injure the party with whom I have contend-
ed so long—denying me what was granted to
others—allowing them time and some \$800
trying to correct some one, and I, after all
this to be made a tool or a scapegoat of; and
when I ask for an explanation, the answer is,
the Hon. Mr. Mowat did not understand the
circumstances. How far does that go to ex-
onerate me from that scandalous blot cast
upon me by that resolution?

Now, I am not going to turn Tory-Conser-
vative nor Liberal-Conservative on account
of the calumnies in newspapers, and personal
bickering and falsehoods I need not enu-
merate, brought against me by the Lauder
party, but I assure you that every word from
an enemy in this matter is a wound to me,
and a slight from a friend is like a dagger.

I do think I owe to myself and family
a duty, and if no other course is taken by my
friends, only what has been done, I shall feel
it my duty, and that before long, to clear
myself of a part, at all events, of the stigma
brought upon me by a few people of Grey,
and also by some Reform members of Parlia-
ment, by giving publicity to all the facts of
the case by letters and affidavits which I
have now in my possession, or may still re-
ceive. I send this to you regarding you as
a friend, among many others, before resolv-
ing on a course which I think of vital im-
portance to me. I have patiently waited,
stood all the abuse of a purchased fanatic
Tory press, and all that Mr. Lauder and
his minions could bring to bear, but the most
cutting of all is the resolution passed through
the House by my own friends to relieve the
Government.

I am, &c.,
J. W. LEWIS.

BOTHWELL, February 24th, 1873.

MY DEAR LEWIS: I wanted to have seen
you when I was last down, but could not on
account of having so much to do on in so
short time. I have been watching the pro-
ceedings of the so-called Proton outrage, and
from all the evidence before the committee,
I saw nothing that was trustworthy in the
evidence to criminate you. Our own party
have done more to hurt you than the Tories
could possibly do. Mowat's speech at the
election in reference to the affair was un-
called for; and he (McKellar) to sit there
and listen to that speech without uttering