

General to call upon Judge Galt for an official report of this case, *without success*, and I therefore consider the matter no longer a Departmental one, but one in which the public at large, and particularly the Civil Service, are interested, as justice is here set aside and entirely ignored, to make way for individual opinion. I have only two objects in view. One is that the Department of Justice shall call upon Mr. Justice Galt for an official report, and that *an open* investigation may be had. The English law is that a man is innocent till proved guilty. If the Post Office Authorities have any evidence to produce other than that produced at the trial, it is only common justice that it should be made known, and an opportunity thus afforded my son to prove to the satisfaction of the world his innocence. When such an opportunity is given there will be very little difficulty in proving erroneous the reasons given by the Postmaster-General for adhering to his present unfavourable opinion.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

G. MURRAY JARVIS.

THE HON. JAMES MACDONALD,

Minister of Justice.

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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, Nov. 8rd, 1879.

I have read all the correspondence relating to the case of Herbert Jarvis, and am firmly convinced of his innocence of the charges laid against him. There may be of course other matters which have not been made public, even to his own family.

But it does seem to me that when he asks for a further investigation, and is willing that the matter should be sifted to the uttermost, the least that can be done is that his request be granted. If he is not afraid to face the investigation, why should it be denied him? At present he rests under a cloud of suspicion, although the Judge and Jury acquitted him—and it is a very serious matter that he is not allowed the means of vindicating his character, or on the other hand that the authorities will not prove that they have grounds for their refusal. Common Justice I think requires that the prayer of the petition should be granted.

(Signed)

H. POLLARD,

Rector of St. John's Church, Ottawa.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

No. 611.

OTTAWA, 11th Nov., 1879.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your petition of 31st ulto., addressed to His Excellency the Governor-General, pray-