

I further reminded you that you received from me at a later date, when the question was revived, estimates of cost to carry out Mr. McEwen's altered or new scheme, all such estimates being based upon detailed reports made by the head of each department.

I also reminded you that when you received these statements you wrote to me to say that you were afraid to make use of them lest it would shipwreck your plans. And yet you did not hesitate to make an unfounded attack upon me to gain a little temporary popularity and to carry you over a troublesome meeting!

In your letter to me of the 18th June you showed that you had discovered you were in an untenable position, and you completely changed your ground.

Your oral statement on the 29th April was that I had made a mistake, and that it arose from my making all the calculations myself, and without obtaining reports from the responsible officers of each department. In your letter of the 18th June you abandon that ground, and admit that the figures were based upon statements furnished me by Mr. Eaton, the then head of the Locomotive Department.

I reminded you, which you do not deny, in my letter of the 9th July, that I also submitted to you the report and estimate of Mr. Hannaford, the Engineer. So that you now distinctly admit that you had no grounds upon which your statement at the meeting on the 29th April could be founded; the facts being that detailed reports were submitted to you from the heads of the two departments in which the work had to be done; and these reports were all considered at Council meetings at which you were present.

I must also remind you that in the cost of change of gauge, as settled upon in Mr. McEwen's plan, was includ-

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