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*Memorandum for the Honorable ALEXANDER CAMPBELL,
Commissioner of Crown Lands.*

On the 19th January, 1865, Mr. Wray wrote, on the part of the Hon. John Hamilton, of Hawkesbury Mills, to the Department, enclosing a cheque on the Bank of British North America for \$8,000. The letter was sent to the Woods and Forests Branch. On the 27th January, I wrote to Messrs. Hamilton Brothers, or Mr. Wray, asking what Agency the money was on account of, presuming it was for timber dues.

On the 28th January, the Commissioner received a private note from Mr. Wray, explaining that the remittance was on a private transaction between the Hon. John Hamilton and the Commissioner. Mr. Partridge, of the Woods and Forests, on hearing this, took possession of the letter which had covered the cheque (an unusual proceeding on his part, as letters in connection with remittances always remain with me, having charge of the accounts), and while doing so, declared, emphatically, that the affair was a *job*, and that it was too bad;—that the one who had done the work should at least have got half of it. These remarks, and more of the same kind, aided by looks and gestures more eloquent than words, were made in the hearing of Mr. Robitaille and Mr. Nickinson, as well as myself.

The Accountant, Dr. Ford, called on me next day for the letter, stating that it was a private affair. I told him that Mr. Partridge had it; but that I would get it from him, and send it to him. I asked Mr. Partridge for the letter;—he hesitated. I said that Dr. Ford wanted it. He was about to give it to me, when, as by an afterthought, he drew it back, and said he would send it himself; and immediately laid it before him on his desk, and proceeded to take a copy of it.

Mr. Robitaille (who will speak for himself) has informed me that on several subsequent occasions, Mr. Partridge, in his own private room, referred to the subject, always declaring,