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I here again repeat that I never sold a lot of Land in the Crown Lands Office either to myself or to any other person, never in any one instance, wrote a name either in the sales book or in the Map, nor ever caused or requested such entry to be made, save in an open, public manner, at the open table, on the three first days of the sale, as I have already sworn to. But, sir, any man with a single particle of logical acumen, or a single atom of common-sense, could see, at the first glance, that I am not the person to whom Mr Clark refers as having been requested to "look over the Sales Book!" Why, man, either your zeal to remove me out of Mr Cayley's way, before the next election, or your contact with Mr Morgan Hamilton, has entirely conglomerated your brain. Do you not see that by confounding two different individuals in this quotation, you are literally damning your own case! Just imagine Mr Clark telling Mr Cauchon that I had been requested to look over the sales book to "ascertain when and to whom the lots had been sold" and that after having searched gave my opinion that the lots had not been sold at all—imagine Mr Clark speaking to Mr Cauchon in terms of commendation, of the "able assistance" I had rendered him, and then imagine Mr Clark, in the very same communication representing me to Mr Cauchon as a most consummate scoundrel, the surreptitious purchaser of these same lots! Do you see the glaring absurdity of the picture!

If you have thus, Sir, knowingly, jumbled up my position in this transaction with the position and services of a very different individual, for the mere purpose of making out a damning case against me, you must be a more heartless and a more unmanly knave than I even suspected you to be, and I never thought you were an angel. You have given what you represent as a quotation from Mr Clark, "explanation" and I therefore, presume the document is in your possession. Now, Sir, I dare you to produce that document. I dare you to produce that or any other letter of the deceased John Clark, in which he represented me as an assistant Clerk in his office, or in which he says that I was requested to search the Sales-book, or any other book, for the name of a purchaser or the date of a sale. I never was requested to perform, and never did perform this service, and of the search referred to in your quotation, I never even heard till I read it in your letter in the *London Times*. You have, in the two paragraphs last quoted, named me of conduct the most dishonourable and the most damning that could be shown

against a human being. I deny it absolutely and in toto, and I demand your proof instantly. No "heating about the bush." Come to the point manfully—either substantiate the accusations, retract the falsehoods, or suffer to be branded as the heartless hired traitor of private character. I ply you, Sir, from the bottom of my soul. I have a faint idea of the pressing nature of your necessities. I shudder at the contemplation of circumstances which would compel a man to live either by pandering to the prejudices of the lowest ignorance or by furthering the despicable intrigues of political gamblers. In fact, Sir, my worst wish towards you is an appointment east of La-hine, and one that will be more profitable and more permanent than your former supervision of Canals. But still, Sir, with all my charity, I cannot allow your damning falsehoods against me to pass with impunity, more especially as they have been presented to the public under the sanction of the Executive Government; so, prepare your proof.

THE EDITOR OF THE HUNTER SIGNAL.

The Facts of the Case.

LETTER SECOND.

TO OGLE R. GOWAN ESQ.

Sir:—I come now to your second picture of my "land frauds" which you have marked "Number 15," and I beg your attention to the following facts:—

Before the commencement of the public sale on the 31st August, 1854, I mentioned to the late Agent, in presence of several gentlemen who were in the office at the time, that, if possible, I would like to get ten lots, and that as they were wanted for my own family, I would like to have them within a reasonable distance of each other. He said I would have to select them far back in the township, as the near side of it was chiefly occupied. I got the Map of Grey, and going back to the 2nd Concession, which is ten or eleven miles further from Goderich and from an open country, than the 15th Concession, I selected the first five lots, merely because a stream of some size was represented on the map as running across them. I was reminded by some of those present that the southwest corner of the township was reputed to be swamp, and that possibly I might be selecting a block of land utterly useless for my purpose. Mr. Clark remarked that but few houses had been entered for the 1st or 2nd Concessions, and doubted the land could not be