

I enclose copies of the letters which I addressed to the Honorable Secretary of the Province, and which have not as yet been answered, and abide your directions as to whether, unaided by any advance from the Legislative Assembly or from the Government, I shall be required to contrive, after this explanation, to have the Commission executed.

In awaiting your answer, permit me to assure you that although I want the pecuniary means, I am not otherwise wanting in the exercise of the strictest diligence, nor in that due respect for the high Parliamentary authority by which I am commissioned.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your most obedient humble servant,

W. POWER.

Joseph Cauchon, Esquire,  
Chairman Select Election Committee for Lotbinière.

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#### APPENDIX F.

QUEBEC, 20th December, 1854.

SIR,—With reference to my letters to you of the 7th and 9th instants, to which I have not as yet had the honor to receive an answer, I beg leave to request of the Government, while the said letters are under consideration, to make me an advance of £50, in order to enable me to defray my expenses upon the Commission with which I am charged for taking evidence in relation to the Contested Election for the County of Lotbinière. I make this application, having no resources of my own wherewith to proceed upon the execution of the said Commission, in order to shew that I am using all the diligence in my power, and will thank you to let me have the advance to-day or to-morrow, if it be pleasing to the Government to afford it, and I submit whether such advance ought not to be placed to the Debit of the account of the Honorable the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, to be afterwards credited by the receipt of the monies when recovered at Her Majesty's suit against the persons who went bail for the payment of those expenses. See Sections 15, 143, 144 and 147 of Election Petitions Act of 1851.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
Your very obedient servant,

W. POWER.

Hon. P. J. O. Chauveau, Secretary, &c.,

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#### APPENDIX G.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,  
QUEBEC, 23rd December, 1854:

SIR,—With reference to your application for an advance on the amount claimed by you as Commissioner for the late contested Election for the County of Mégantic, I have it in command from His Excellency the Governor General to inform you that the House of Assembly having refused to adopt a resolution to provide for the expenses of that Election, His Excellency advised that no provision can be made for it by the Executive.