

cede and follow these misstatements, it would appear on the official records of the House, that to escape the consequences of a civil action, which would have expelled me from the Imperial service, I was allowed to resign my appointment to this country. The very vagueness of the (unmentioned) charge to be brought against me, by this civil process, would only, in after years, intensify the unknown nature of the crime, which it would appear I had committed, and to escape the consequences of which I had been mercifully allowed to resign.

I am ignorant as to the procedure of Parliament, but I feel confident that when you read this letter and compare my statements with those recorded in "Hansard," and see for yourself the conclusion, which in after years could be arrived at if these misstatements are uncontradicted, that you yourself, sir, and the whole House, including, I believe, Sir Charles Tupper himself, would desire to remove the damaging and erroneous impression. At any rate, I leave the matter with the utmost confidence in your hands.

Believe me, yours faithfully,

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