

an especial interest for the public of a practical and immediate character, four letters containing a general explanation of the great importance of the subject with regard to the immediate interests of the public, were forwarded to the Editor of the "Times" (London) for publication in that Journal; and, when the letter of the President of the Royal Society, refusing to entertain the case, was received, a copy of that letter was also forwarded to the Editor of the "Times."

About the same time that the case was presented for investigation to the Royal Society, a communication thereof was made to McGill College, also formally requesting an investigation. Not long afterwards, however, the papers were returned without, as it would seem, having undergone examination.

Copies of the several documents referred to will be found at the end of the Appendix to this book.