

Second—That their declining subsequently to make any appointment was, because a member of the Government, on or about the 8th June, informed one of the Commissioners that they would be superseded; and

Third—That notwithstanding they had appointed no Inspector up to the 14th August—Mr. Reed being in England when but 100 tons of the iron was manufactured, and he not having appointed a new Inspector, although dissatisfied with the quality of the iron—the responsibility necessarily falls upon the new Board, of which Mr. Reed was a member.

I will now proceed to offer some additional remarks, to shew the untenable nature of each position thus assumed by Mr. Scovil.

With reference to the first position, the natural inference is, that before placing this power in the hands of Messrs. Naylor & Co., an effort had been made to secure the services of Mr. Smith; and the public will, doubtless, be surprised to find by the following correspondence, that such was not the case :

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"FREDERICTON, 20th JAN., 1859.

"SIR—In a pamphlet recently issued by Wm. Henry Scovil, Esquire, containing part of correspondence between us relative to a loss sustained by the defective character of the Rails ordered by the late Commissioners from Messrs. Naylor & Co., I find he states, as one of the reasons why an Inspector was not appointed by the late Board, that they 'did not know at the time the order was made, if any arrangement could be made with Mr. Smith to proceed immediately to England.' You will oblige me by stating whether or not Mr. Scovil, or either of the other Commissioners, made any proposal to you to undertake the service. If so, when such application was made, and what was the nature of your reply.

"I am, &c.,

(Signed)

"S. L. TILLEY.

"T. T. VERNON SMITH, Esq."

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"FREDERICTON, JANUARY 20th, 1859.

"SIR—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of this date, and in reply, to state that Mr. Scovil spoke to me about the usual custom of inspecting Railway Iron at the works during the process of manufacture, but made no proposition to me on the subject, nor, I believe, alluded to my going to England at all.

"I am, Sir, your obdt. servant,

(Signed)

"T. T. V. SMITH.

"Hon. S. L. TILLEY, Provincial Secretary, Fredericton."