

Toronto, 24th April, 1875.

SIR,—In pursuance of the *Controverted Elections Act of 1873*, in addition to the certificate herewith sent you, that the Elections for the Electoral Districts of *Hamilton*, held on the 22nd and 29th days of January, 1874, at which *Andrew Trew Wood* and *Æmilius Irving* (otherwise called *Thomas Æmilius Irving*) were returned as Members for the Electoral Districts of *Hamilton*, in the Parliament of the Dominion of *Canada*, were void, I beg to report—

(a) That corrupt practice has been proved to have been committed, but not with the knowledge or consent of the said *Andrew Trew Wood* and *Æmilius Irving* (otherwise called *Thomas Æmilius Irving*) or of either of them, at the Election of the said parties.

(b) That *John Dolan* and *Michael Malone* have been proved at the Trial to have been guilty of corrupt practices.

(c) That no further evidence having been given before me than that of *John Dolan* I have no ground for forming a full opinion whether corrupt practices have or have not extensively prevailed at the said Election.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

ADAM WILSON.

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To the Honorable

The Speaker of the House of Commons,
Ottawa.

MONCK CONTROVERTED ELECTION.

Toronto, May 21st, 1875.

SIR,—In pursuance of the Statute in that behalf, I have the honor to certify unto you that on the twelfth of May instant, a Petition of *Matthew Moore* and *John Bowman* against the Election and Return of *Lachlin McCallum*, Esquire, as a Member for the County of *Monck* in the House of Commons, came on to be tried before me at the Court House at the Town of *Cayuga* in this form of Law.

At the trial there was produced before me a notice which had been served upon the Solicitor of the Petitioner at the instance of the Respondent to the effect among other things—

“That a person who according to the Common Law of England in reference to the Election of Members of Parliament would be held to be an Agent of the Respondent at the said Election did before the said Election give a sum of money to a voter to induce him to vote for the Respondent at the said Election, but that this was done without the knowledge and consent of the Respondent.”

Evidence was offered before me to establish the fact of bribery having been committed by one *John A. Whitmore*, an Agent of the Respondent, but no evidence having been offered that such or any bribe had been given with the knowledge or consent of the Respondent, I did adjudge and determine the Election of the said *Lachlin McCallum* as a Member of the House of Commons for the Electoral Division of the County of *Monck* to be null and void by reason of bribery committed by an Agent of the said *Lachlin McCallum* at the said Election, with costs to be paid by the said Respondent.

And I have the honor further to report that *John A. Whitmore* who was an Agent of the Respondent at the said Election, was by his own confession proved to have been guilty of a corrupt practice, such corrupt practice consisting in his giving a sum of money to one *James Bowman*, a voter at the said Election to induce and procure him to vote for the said *Lachlin McCallum*,