

but seek rather to justify a foul suspicion upon grounds so simple that to no honest-minded man could they have suggested anything wrong.

The Commissioner will take such steps as he may deem proper as regards Messrs. Cowper and Robitaille ; and also against the two other officers of the Department referred to in your statement, if you will communicate their names to me.

I am further directed to notify you that you are dismissed from the public service in this Department.

I am, Sir,

Your most obt. servant,

(Signed), A. RUSSELL,

Asst. Commr.

P. M. PARTRIDGE, Esq.

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OTTAWA, 1st June, 1867.

SIR,—

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of a letter of the 29th ultimo, written in your name by Mr. Assistant Commissioner Russell, couched in such abusive language, and making such an extraordinary suggestion, that I am sure it is without parallel in the records of official correspondence.

First, I am charged by the writer with being a lying slanderer ; and, in the next sentence, I am asked to place myself in confidential communication with him, and give the names of the two other employés of the Department who mentioned the matter of the letter and cheque for \$8,000 as being rather suspicious.

It might suit the ideas of propriety of the *person* who was the Chief Informer against me, to reveal the names of the gentlemen in question ; but, to my mind, were I to do as requested by Mr. Russell (who seems to think it no harm), I would be as infamous as the Informer himself.

I respectfully submit that my explanation of the 28th ultimo was frank and temperate, and undeserving of the reply it received.