

- Q. You are insolvent?—I am; I have been.
- Q. How long?—It is nearly a year, or about a year.
- Q. I think it is more?—Perhaps it is.
- Q. Do you recognize insolvent persons as contractors at Ottawa?—I do not think they enquire; I have not had occasion since to test them.
- Q. You have not made any tender in your own name since you became insolvent?—No.
- Q. And the last tender you made in your own name was several years ago?—Yes; I think about three years ago, or two years ago, or something of that kind.
- Q. How have you been living ever since?—By my industry.
- Q. Yes; you have a great reputation as a very industrious man?—I do not know whether your reputation or mine—you live by your industry, too.
- Q. But you are a much better known man than me?—Mr. Bethune is very well known; I am older than you; I was living a long time in Roger's house.
- Q. How long did he keep you there?—Six or seven months; I cannot tell you when I left.
- Q. How long ago?—Some time in April or May. I was living there at the time of the tender business. I was in the habit of stopping there.
- Q. And you did not pay anything for your board?—No.
- Q. Is he a relative of yours?—No.
- Q. He must have been a kind friend to do that?—Mr. Roger, of course, understood whether there was any kindness due to me from him or not.
- Q. He was so charmed with your society that he kept you there as a companion?—Mr. Roger has been in my employ for ten years, and I took him as a boy, and he understood his business best.
- Q. Out of gratitude to his own master. You were very grateful to him for that?—I suppose I was.
- Q. Anxious to further his interests in any way you could?—Certainly, I was.
- Q. Very anxious he should get the contract as cheaply as he could?—Yes.
- Q. As a grateful man and kind friend, you were anxious he should?—Yes.
- Q. Have you any entry in your pocket-book about this?—No; I have none.
- Q. You mean to say you did not enter this important matter in your book?—No; did not enter it in my books. No entry in my books at all. I did not think it was necessary to make any entry. I made no entry.
- Q. Did you tell Mr. Roger you were doing all you could to get the other tenders withdrawn?—Mr. Roger had made arrangements with the others to have them withdrawn.
- Q. All except Boyle's?—All except Boyle's.
- Q. And you represented to him that you were going to get Boyle's withdrawn?—He was desirous that I should. I represented to him that I was trying to get his withdrawn.
- Q. And you represented that something would have to be paid for getting it withdrawn?—Yes; he considered that that letter was worth so much to him.
- Q. And you represented, of course, that you had paid something for withdrawing this?—Of course.
- Q. You gave him to understand that?—If I got that letter I knew that I was going to get a consideration for it.
- Q. How did you know that?—Because his withdrawal was the most important. You were going to levy a blackmail upon your friend to the extent of \$3,000?—It was not levying a blackmail. If it was not worth—
- Q. Come, now, sir?—Now, sir, come now.
- Q. Will you swear now that you did not give Roger to understand that you were going to pay Boyle this money, upon your oath, if you value it?—I value it as much as I value yours.
- Q. Did not you represent to Roger that you were going to pay Boyle that money?—I will swear that I did not represent that to Roger, and he did not hand