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MEMORANDUM

ADDRESSED TO

THE HONORABLE THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS

BY THE

ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF

OF THE

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

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OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER-IN-CHIEF,

OTTAWA, 26th March, 1880.

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On the 3rd March, grave charges were made in the House of Commons, against the writer, as Chief Engineer of the Canadian Pacific Railway, which have since been published throughout the Dominion. These charges seriously affect his personal character and his professional reputation.

A member of the House of Commons has certainly the right to investigate the conduct of any public servant, if he deems it proper to do so. Equally the party assailed, if wrongly accused, may claim to be heard in his justification.

An Engineer is an executive officer of the Government, to whom the public interest is confided according to his rank and *status*. No charge can be more painful than that he has neglected his duties, or that he has failed honestly, and with ability, to consult the interests he has undertaken to protect.