

LITTLE CURRENT,
Manitoulin Island, May 2nd, 1868.

I, Edward Johnston, of Little Current, hereby declare that I was present at the investigation held by Mr. S. H. Strong regarding certain charges preferred against Mr. C. T. Dupont, Visiting Superintendent of Indian Affairs, by the Reverend Jabez Sims. That I was a material witness in Mr. Dupont's favor, and was called by him to testify regarding the assault complained of by Mr. Sims. That before I could answer Mr. Dupont's first question, the Rev. Mr. Sims rose from his seat and objected strongly to anything being heard on that subject, as it had already been settled by Mr. Strong in Mr. Dupont's favor. That Mr. Dupont therefore assented, and waived asking any more questions or calling any witnesses upon the subject. Mr. Strong's stay upon the Island was only of two days' duration. He lodged in the same house that I did, and freely expressed his sympathy for Mr. Dupont and contempt for the Rev. Mr. Sims, from what he had seen of the two gentlemen and left myself and the public generally fully impressed with the idea that as far as he was concerned his decision would be in Mr. Dupont's favor.

I was present at the conclusion of the inquiry, when so little did Mr. Strong appear to find against Mr. Dupont from the complaints of the Indians that he stated in open Court that he would be glad if Mr. Sims and Mr. Dupont would there become friends, as he then could go down and state to the Government that all charges had been withdrawn and that he had no report to make.

Deposition of John McClarty.

PROVINCE OF CANADA, } I, John McClarty, of the Village of Little Current, Manitoulin
District of Algoma. } Island, upon oath say as follows:—

That Mr. S. H. Strong, accompanied by the Revds. Dr. O'Meara and Saltern Givins, arrived here by Steamer *Algoma* upon a Friday morning in the early part of November, 1867, to investigate certain charges preferred by the Rev. Jabez Sims, against Mr. C. T. Dupont, the Visiting Superintendent of Indian affairs. That Mr. Dupont arrived from Collingwood by the same steamer that day. That Mr. Strong put up at my house during his stay upon the Island, which was two days and two nights, he leaving again by the *Algoma* on Sunday morning about nine o'clock. That the Rev. Jabez Sims was sent for to the She-que-an-dah, and arrived in the afternoon when the investigation was commenced, with closed doors, the public not being admitted.

That on Saturday it was proceeded with, and in the evening, the public being admitted, I was present, having also been told by Mr. Dupont that he would call me as a witness.

On the closing of the examination of Mr. Sims' witnesses, Mr. Dupont called Mr. E. Johnson to testify regarding the assault complained of by Mr. Sims, when that gentleman rose and objected to anything being heard on that subject, as it was settled.

Mr. Dupont thereupon deferred asking Mr. Johnson any questions, nor did he call me or any other witness as to the assault. That during Mr. Strong's short stay upon the Island he was upon the most cordial terms with Mr. Dupont, and by his expressions in my house, both in that gentleman's presence and absence, he gave me the impression and left behind him the general impression that he had, so far as he was concerned, settled the matter altogether in Mr. Dupont's favor.

He expressed very contemptuous opinions of the Rev. Jabez Sims, and said in my hearing on Saturday morning that as the result of his investigation on Friday afternoon he thought the matter was not worth the inquiry.

Finally, as shewing what weight he attached to the Indian complaints of their grievances and their treatment by Mr. Dupont, at the close of the inquiry on Saturday morning in open Court, Mr. Strong stated that he would be very glad if Mr. Sims and Mr. Dupont would then and there make friends, so that he could go down and state to the Government that all charges had been withdrawn, and that therefore there was no report to make.

Sworn before me at Little Current this second day of July, 1868.

JOHN McCLARTY.

C. T. Dupont, J. P.