

ed favorably upon them, but, considering that there was no fund specially appropriated for that purpose, declined recommending the accounts as ordinary contingencies, leaving the matter, I presume, to be taken up by the Government.

The execution of the Commission having been in the first instance as you are aware, resisted by the open violence of certain persons in the Township of Leeds, I was forced to return to Quebec, and invoke the aid of Government to subdue that violence, and a perusal of the minutes of the Commission and of a number of affidavits transmitted with my return thereto, as well as of my letter to you of the 10th September, 1853, and of your answer of the 15th September, as also of your letter to the High Constable of the same 15th September, will shew the necessity of the position assumed by the Government in undertaking to have the Commission executed.

Having been at a great personal risk on that occasion, the chief instrument in allaying the popular excitement, in duly executing the Commission and maintaining the supremacy of the law, and the persons appointed to assist me in that duty, having been paid by the Government without any objection, it may seem right that out of whatever fund they were paid, the Clerk and myself ought to be paid likewise. These expenses perhaps may be considered analogous to those incurred in the quelling of a riot or for the preservation of the public peace, but in whatever point of view they may be examined, I indulge the hope that the Government will be pleased to pay them.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your very obedient servant,

W. POWER.

The Hon. P. J. O. Chauveau, &c., &c., Secretary.

P. S.—I was yesterday honored with a Commission from Mr. Cauchon to take evidence upon the contested election for Lotbinière, and cannot as yet get a clerk to the Commission without an assurance to him that, in the event of another dissolution, his expenses will be paid, which assurance of course I cannot give. I offered the situation to two persons, each of whom refused to run the risk from the noise that Hearn's case has made. I will thank you for an early answer, to enable me to write to Mr. Cauchon upon the possibility of organising the Commission.

W. POWER.

Quebec.

## APPENDIX B.

QUEBEC, 9th December, 1854.

SIR,—With reference to the letter I had the honor to address to you on the 7th inst., I enclose a copy of the Report of the Committee in Contingencies, and beg to have it observed that it was in my quality of Circuit Judge that I executed the Commission, and that I was bound by law, without any alternative, to do so under a heavy penalty. As my limited salary does not afford the (to me) heavy disbursements incident to the execution of such Commissions, and as the proposed time for my departure to Lotbinière is very near, I would thank you to favor me with the intentions of the Government on this subject, so that I may know what to write to the Chairman of the Select Committee, respecting the Commission with which I am now charged.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. POWER,

The Hon. P. J. O. Chauveau, Secretary.