

sioners and the teacher, he did so on account of the very legitimate indignation he felt at the moment.

I am very desirous of knowing what you have to say in reply to this defence.

With regard to the second point, although the alleged embezzlement has nothing to do with the conduct of Mr. Cimon as School Inspector, I have, nevertheless, on account of the seriousness of the charge, thought it my duty to take notice of it.

Mr. Cimon denies ever having employed the moneys of the Commissioners to his private profit, and assures me that the accounts were settled in a satisfactory manner. I find in the Records of the Department, a correspondence between my predecessor, the School Commissioners, and their former Secretary-Treasurer, which on the whole, seems to corroborate Mr. Cimon's Statement.

The Commissioners appear to admit the sufficiency of the settlement of the Accounts, and the matter in which the former Secretary-Treasurer was to have obtained his acquittal seems to have been settled by the parties, since after the 23rd July, 1851, the affair was not heard of. The letter of my predecessor which bears that date, took for an admitted fact that the accounts were settled in a valid manner, and did not bring forth any recrimination on the part of the Commissioners. In this case, as in that of bad-conduct, which you accuse Mr. Cimon of holding towards the teachers, it appears to me that your accusations should at least be supported by the testimony of the parties who would have had the most to suffer, and who ought to have been the first to complain.

I shall wait for whatever you have to reply on the whole before sending in my Report to the Executive.

I have the honor to be, Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,

(Signed,) P. J. O. CHAUVEAU,  
Superintendent of Education.

Messrs. ANDRÉ HARVEY, and others,  
The signers of the Petition against Mr. Cimon, Inspector.

(True Copy.)

(Signed,) P. J. O. CHAUVEAU.