

HARBOUR COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE,  
QUEBEC, May 13th, 1878.

SIR,—I have the honor herewith to return per order of the Board your cheque for \$3,000 deposited with tender of A. P. McDonald & Falardeau for construction of Graving Dock, as well as a cheque for \$50 to reimburse you for same amount deposited for copy of specification. Please acknowledge and oblige,

Yours respectfully,  
(Signed) JAS. WOODS,  
for Secretary-Treasurer.

C. B. FALARDEAU, Esq.,  
13 and 21 St. Therese Street,  
Montreal.

Certified.  
(Signed) A. H. VERRET,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

Harbour Commissioners' Office,  
Quebec, 22nd March, 1879.

QUEBEC, 15th May, 1878.

GENTLEMEN,—We beg to acknowledge receipt of your favour of the 13th inst., with enclosed cheques of \$3,000 and \$50; in answer we return you the same two cheques and beg to submit the following considerations to your kind approbation.

Having learned through the newspapers and other reliable sources that supplementary tenders were called for the Graving Dock of Quebec, and that we were refused the right of filing such a supplementary tender, we claim such rights for the following reasons:—

1. Considering that amongst the tenders looked upon as most acceptable by the Commissioners some are lower and some are higher than ours, it is evident by that very fact that our tender is really in the *best position* and the *most conscientious one*, as far as estimates are concerned. So much so that no engineer as honorable and as competent as Mr. Morris can recommend tenders lower and higher and leave ours out, except on personal grounds; and considering that this gentleman is a stranger in this country, he cannot make such a discrimination.

2. We have fulfilled every condition required by the advertisements; we have also given proper securities. As far as securities are concerned, allow us to *affirm positively* that they have no interest whatever, neither directly nor indirectly, in the contract. And should there be any objection of any nature whatever against any of them, as mentioned in our first letter, we are ready to substitute on demand securities to your satisfaction. More than that, should it be desirable to you, we are ready to drop those securities and give on demand monetary securities in the shape of mortgages, deposits or otherwise.

3. If required we are ready to give you, on demand, the very best certificates regarding our skill and competency as contractors as well as regarding our financial standing.

4. Not only the decision taken by your honorable board is a great injustice to us, but it causes us a great wrong and damages; as before the public at large our competency as contractors or our standing financially is strongly compromised by the very fact that you reject our tender without apparent motive, and recommend lower as well as higher tenders than ours.

For the above considerations we protest against the decision that has been taken by your Honorable Board and humbly demand that you should kindly reconsider such decision so as to allow us to file a supplementary tender like all the others that have no more right than we have.