

QUEBEC, November, 1867.

*To the Honorable ALEXANDER CAMPBELL, Senator, Postmaster
General of the Dominion of Canada.*

SIR,—

The accompanying letter to your address, with the copies of correspondence, were prepared and intended for publication in August last, but, at the request of some friends, I forbore adding new elements of bitterness to the contest which took place between the political parties at the last General Election.

This may have been weakness on my part, but, if so, I do not regret it so much as I do another point in my letter to you of the 1st June last, in which I accepted your disclaimer, put forward in the Assistant Commissioner's letter of the 29th of May last, that there were no grounds of suspicion in connection with the sum of \$8,000, as since the 1st of June I have heard three explanations differing from each other of the \$8,000 transaction; which fact, instead of weakening my suspicions, goes far to prove them to have been founded.

Moreover, both you and the public will easily understand my peculiar position as a father of a large family, and the suggestion of some friends, that it was desirable to leave you a loophole to get out of, what was considered by all parties, an ugly affair.

I am, Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

P. M. PARTRIDGE.