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to hand you copies of a statement containing evidence and observations which he was invited to bear testimony before the Committee of Enquiry into a certain defect in the constitution of the Committee, occasionally unfavourable to a full and dispassionate investigation of the case. I have thought it his duty not only to avail himself of the provisions of the last general meeting of the Society and regulating the Committee's proceedings, but also to have the accompanying statement printed and distributed to the Associate Members generally who may feel disposed to take the particulars

of "*Monerief*" which appears on the first page of some of the copies of the statement. It has been inscribed, by *mistake*, in place of Major *McKellar*, since the list of names does not include *Monerief*, although it is well known that there was an Engineer Officer of that name, who subsequently rose to distinction. It has not been alluded to in the accompanying statement because such an allusion might not be assumed to affect the authenticity of the heading itself, or that the signature, all covered by the initials, P. M., of the Head Engineer, might be the signature of the document. The presence of the note affords not the least ground for supposing that the writer's name was *Thompson*, but discountenances this. Nor can it be used as an excuse for publishing that claim, or as a shelter to cover the truth, on the part of those who raised and supported it on grounds which are intended to shew will not bear being subjected to the kind of cases of disputed authorship.

I am

Sir,

Your Obt. Servt.

AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE QUEBEC
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