

Q. Any orders about stationery?—No; I do not know about any stationery, I gave no orders regarding stationery; I merely told Major White to change the printing to the *Freeman* on the same basis as the other.

Q. Did that order exist as long as you were Postmaster-General?—Yes.

Q. Can you tell us how you came to the conclusion to give the printing to the *Freeman*?—I came to it, because the paper was supporting the Government.

Q. Was that determination come to by yourself or after communicating with your Department?—I do not hesitate to say that it was my own act.

Q. Did you give any instructions as to the prices or rates?—I told the Secretary, Mr. White, that the printing was to be sent to the *Freeman*, and that the rates were not to be higher than those paid by the former Government, in fact I said that if we could get them less, we were to try and do so.

Q. Do you happen to know if there was any stationery?—No, I cannot say.

Q. Did you examine the accounts?—I never examined the accounts, I seldom did that sort of thing; I had enough to do without going into details.

Q. You were aware, of course, who the proprietor of the *Freeman* was?—Oh, yes; it was reported to be Mr. Anglin.

Q. You spoke to Mr. Anglin?—Of course.

Q. As being a matter of interest to him?—Nothing was said about it being of interest to him.

The Chairman:—Do you propose to ask the Lieutenant-Governor any further questions.

Q. Is that the only communication you ever had with Mr. Anglin on the subject?—The only one I recollect at all; I mean by that direct to him personally.

Q. There is some little doubt, as to the lapse of time between the formation of the Government and your interview with Mr. Anglin—was it in Ottawa that you had this conversation?—I cannot tell where it was; it was the first time I met him after the formation of the Government.

Q. The Deputy Postmaster-General has stated, after you were examined, that the first instructions from that department was given in November, 1873, and it was to the effect that two-thirds of the business should be given to the *Freeman* and one-third to the *Globe*, and states that that was late in February, 1874, before the instructions to give it all to the *Freeman* were given. Do you remember anything about the dates?—I gave instructions to Mr. White to communicate with the Inspector. I do not recollect the proportion that was given to either of these papers, but it was ordered that some would be given to each. I know that something of that kind was done. Subsequently I ordered that the whole should be given to the *Freeman*, because I found it was more convenient to have the whole printing done at one place than at two. That was the reason I gave it all to the *Freeman*, because it would be more convenient.

Q. Don't you remember the date when that communication was made, or about the time?—I cannot tell. That, of course, would be for the Department. My instructions entirely were given to Mr. White. I do not recollect having a conversation with Mr. Griffin at all about it.

Q. The reason why I gave you this trouble was simply to ask this question—the reason you took the printing from the *Globe* and gave it to the *Freeman*; that is the only question?—It was for the sake of convenience.

Q. What sort of a convenience was it?—It was easier to keep one account.

Q. Mr. Griffin states that it was found to be more economical to bring all the departmental printing here, because it was more economical to do a large amount of work than a small amount; it was more economical to get the work done in one office than in two?—My idea was that it was more convenient to have it at one place. My recollection is that when I told Mr. Anglin about the printing, it was after the whole printing was given to him; and my impression is, it was after our return from our election crisis. My recollection is that when I ordered the printing to be given to him, it was after the election.

(Signed)

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