

remainder of the evening with my friends and myself on the most cordial and friendly terms.

He expressed freely most contemptuous opinions of the Rev. Jabez Sims, and did not leave a doubt in the minds of any that the investigation had resulted entirely in my favor.

On the following morning the steamer *Algoma* arrived very early, and feeling that I was basing my case perhaps too much upon Mr. Strong's pledges, I went down to where he was lodging, and had substantially the following conversation: "Mr. Strong, I desire to know whether you consider any one of the charges made against me has been proved; for if so, I shall now demand that the investigation be continued and my side heard." He replied, "You know I have already settled the most important charge in your favor. You don't want to keep me here all winter." I said "No; but very damaging charges have been made against me. I cannot see that one of them has been proved, but if you have any doubt, the investigation must go on."

He repeated, I have already decided in your favor as to the most important charge; as for the other matters, in writing the evidence so fast, I could not fully weigh it, but I could see nothing of much consequence, and added, "it is a pity you did not say this last night." I said, it having been past nine at night when he concluded hearing Mr. Sims' side, there was no time for me to have produced my witnesses, and that it was now not yet 7 A.M., so that no delay on my side could be complained of. Of this conversation I have the fullest recollection; and of his statement "I have already settled the most important matter in your favor," I am perfectly ready and willing to make oath to.

However, on the understanding that he was to report in my favor on the question of the assault, I said that if he would send me up the evidence so that I might send him a *resumé* and any counter sworn testimony as to the other charges, I would not insist upon his waiting upon the Island. I may remark here that there was no occasion for hurry on Mr. Strong's part, as both the steamer *Algoma* and the steamer *Waubuno* made later trips than the one he returned by. In support of the foregoing statements I offer herewith the testimony of Thomas Simpson, Esq., M.D., of Manitowaning, Mr. Edward Johnston, store-keeper, and Mr. John McClarty, boarding-house keeper at Little Current. I had an intimation that Mr. Strong's report was unfavorable, but was not aware, on leaving the Island, of its very extraordinary nature, or I could have procured many more statements similar to these.

Mr. McClarty's is an affidavit made before myself, for the reason that there was no other Magistrate in the place. I submit it elsewhere.

LETTER.

MANITOWANING, April 15th, 1868.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your enquiry respecting certain matters connected with an investigation held by Mr. Strong, at Little Current, in November last, I have the following statement to make.

I was present at Little Current during the investigation. I am not aware of any witnesses except Mr. Phipps and myself being examined in your defence, owing to your being unprepared, your witnesses at a distance, and the limited time of Mr. Strong, who was anxious to return to Toronto by the first opportunity.

The Commissioner was engaged throughout the sitting in examining witnesses brought forward by Mr. Sims to prove certain charges made by him (Mr. Sims) against you.

I was present when you called Mr. E. Johnston to testify respecting the charge of the assault. Mr. Sims objected to his examination on the ground that this charge had been already settled, and Mr. Strong agreed.

Yours truly,

THOS. SIMPSON.

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