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MR. ARCHIBALD'S CHARGES AGAINST MR. HUNT.

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*To the Honorable the Members of the Executive Council of the Province of Nova Scotia :*

GENTLEMEN,—In presenting for your consideration the accompanying document, embracing certain charges against the Superintendent of Education, I do so with the less hesitancy, and with the feeling that the less formality is necessary, that the chief facts upon which the charges are based, together with a superabundance of proof that they are indeed facts were submitted by me early in September last, to the notice and inspection of the Hons. Messrs. Hill and Robertson ; who, in token of their conviction of the enormity of the conduct of which the Superintendent was guilty, and of their want of confidence in his administration of the duties of his office, gave me written authority over him to the effect that thereafter I would be required to examine and compare the memos. of licenses to teachers with the envelopes of the examiners, and to see that they were correct before sending them out. In fact it is only within the past few days that the thought occurred to me that, after presenting such an expose of his conduct to the Premier and one of his ministry, it would be necessary at all to prefer any charge in writing, in order that the Government might regard the matter as formally before them for consideration and final adjudication. In the formal presentation therefore of the matter which I now make, I wish it to be understood that it is no new charge which I now prefer, but one of six months standing, reiterated in a more formal, consecutive and tangible form, and as such takes precedence of all other charges of later date, which, in consequence of my action on that occasion, and fearing similar disclosures in the future, any person or persons may have thought proper to prefer with a view to my prejudices, and if possible the setting aside of the charges which I then made.

I trust that the reasonableness of this view will be at once apparent, and that the virtual expression of want of confidence in the Superintendent of Education and whatever else is implied in the letter of the Premier to me of date September 12th, 1876, will be allowed to have their due weight as touching any deliver-