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Hon. Wm. Shipp:

Sir: Your letter of the - ~~all~~ -
reached me ~~was sent~~ during very serious illness
and had my health permitted would have
received earlier attention.

You state that my name appears
"as the recipient of certain monies
paid out by G. W. Simpson ~~on the~~ on ac-
count of M. S. Littlefield."

Of course, I know nothing
as to Mrs. Simpson's account. ~~I do know~~
~~however that he never, to my knowledge,~~
however
paid me any money on account of
M. S. Littlefield, except as follows.

In the Spring of 1869, I learned that certain
property, of peculiar value to me, was for
sale for cash. I had previously made some
inquiries as to receiving a loan to effect its
purchase, among others of Mrs. Simpson, who had
partially promised to let me have it. When
I found that the property was for sale, Mrs.
Simpson was not in the State. I inquired
of Mr. Littlefield if he could loan me
the money or get it for me. The amount I re-
quired was \$35,000. I offered him my notes
due semi-annually, of \$400. ~~or~~ and \$600 ~~or~~
such alternately, or at the rate of \$1,000 per

from April 1870, and a mortgage on the premises purchased. He said he would let me have it. The notes were executed negotiable ^{bearing} at 8 per cent interest. Gen. Littlefield declined to take a mortgage saying that he did "not own that kind of property". He gave me a ^{eight} draft on Mr. Swenson, which I passed in the ordinary course of business to the Bank of Escanaba. There was some trouble about the payment of the draft. I think it was protested but afterwards accepted and paid. Three or four of the notes mentioned are still unpaid and one of them at least is now due. I expect to pay them when presented if able so to do. I do not know in whose hands the notes ^{are} but ~~was informed by Littlefield as you are saying, that he had paid~~

In the Spring of 1868 I drew on Mr Swenson, by his own direction, for \$200. for ~~the~~ campaign expenses. The draft was cashed by Mr. J. M. Owen, who accidentally delayed sending it forward for payment for several months. During this time Mr Swenson asked me if I had drawn on him as he directed, saying that if so the draft had been lost and he wanted to know as to charge it to Littlefield. I did not know before that Littlefield had anything to do with it.

This money was received and expended for campaign purposes in this Congressional District, of the Executive Committee of which I was then a member.

If Mr. Swifton ever paid me any other monies on account of Mr. S. Littlefield, I have no knowledge of the fact.

With thanks to yourself and the Committee for the unexpected courtesy of being ~~also~~ informed in regard to ~~the~~ ^{the facts appearing before you,} ~~charge~~ and allowed to explain the same.

I remain

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Your Obt. Servant

G. W. George