

Salvage Sept 26<sup>th</sup> 1871

Wm A. W. Bourque.

Dear Sir

The Commission appointed at the last session of the Legislature "to investigate charges of fraud &c" have had their attention called to an item in an account furnished the Commission by G. W. Simpson, in which your name appears as the recipient of a portion of certain money paid out by Simpson on account of W. B. Southfield.

The Commission does not desire to give publicity to any statement affecting the character of one occupying your high position, without giving you an opportunity of explanation.

They therefore request that you will appear before them in Salvage at the earliest possible day, or furnish them such written statement as is satisfactory to yourself.

Very respectfully,  
W. W. Shipp Clerk.