THE CARLETON SENTINEL.

OFFICIAL REPORT

Stockton-Phinney-Pitts Conspiracy

AGAINST THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,

edge and indirectly with his own knowled and because he was an Orangeman. That letter showed that when Mr Lipsett got his appointment he had to pay Mr. Wilson \$100 before he could get it. As so n as Mr. Lipsett's usefulness was gone he was thrown aside by the chief cook and bottle washer of the government and another man appointed. He (Pitts) could name a dozen men who had had to pool in to help the government.

billet and you had to pay \$150 of it back to ment I made the other day. I wish to If it was made, why was it not fulfilled?

Hon. Mr. Blair—Do you say that that I neither by myself or any other person, had anything to do with Mr. Quinn—in condid such transaction as that alleged take him—and that I returned any money to him or had any understanding of that kind with any member of his family? I say to the hon, member that I defy the face of clay to produce one tittle of evidence to support the statement he has now med.

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Mr. Pitts said that statement wouldn't go down. He wasn't going to take back water. He did not say that Mr. Blair was directly implicated, but he would say that letter after letter had passed between the Quinns and Mr. Blair, and his partner Mr. Barry, with regard to the matter.

Hon. Mr. Blair-That is entirely false. defy the hon. member to prove it. Mr. Pitts-Will you say that Wilson didn't get \$200 from William Quinn in return for a promise that Quinn was to get a

shifting his ground. I will say this: That never to my knowledge, information, or belief, did Mr. Wilson receive a dollar from the gentleman he has named, nor had he anything to do with any such money. If he did said by him to me or by me to him or he can answer for it, but to my knowledge there never was any transaction of the kind. Mr. Pitts said that the hon, member looked innocent but he couldn't bluff him.

After supper Mr. Pitts continued. He said he was almost forgetting to produce evidence in support of his statement that money contributions had been exacted from persons seeking favors at the hands of the government. He would read a letter to the house that had been written from the attorney general's office two days before the general election of 1890. It was as follows: A. G. BLAIR, Attorney General. Blair & Barry, Attorneys and Solicitors, Fredericton, N. B.:

DEAR QUINN — It is of the utmost importance that you should hand me to-day the check we were speaking of yesterday, Our calculations were based on your doing this, and I do not know what the consequences will be if we are disappointed Yours very truly,

He would now read another letter to show that the attorney general had received this

Hon. Mr. Blair — Are you professing to read a letter with my name signed to it?

Mr. Pitts—No, but the letter is signed by William Wilson, your great friend and close relation. It is as follows:

FREDERICTON, N. B., Feb. 13, 1890.

Received from William H. Quinn the sum of \$200 towards the election fund, not to be used until appointment is arranged, and if no appointment made, then

Mr. Blair—Does this prove my connection

Mr. Pitts-No; you would be too careful to figure in the matter directly. He had another letter which would show that Mr. Quinn was not willing to pay out the money for the office of engrossing clerk. The letter

Dear Sir—After waiting and begging for over one year for the position in Mr. Allen's office, which Mr. Blair promised me in my store, and now it seems he will not get. I gave the money with that object, and it was the only office vacant at that time. Please sen me a check for the money and interest, as I don't feel inclined to give the money for engrossing clerk.

(Signed).

WILLIAM QUINN.

Hon. Mr. Blair said he would have to positions. I know he wanted to get the short time, upon a question of privilege that not only affected himself but the

whole house. During the 12 years he had occupied a seat in the house it had been on very rare occasions that he had trespassed no written document or any evidence upon the time of the house with respect | worthy of the name will prove is, that I | be everlastingly borne in mind that no to matters of a personal character. The ever breathed to Mr. Quinn or any other present subject, however, was one which | living soul, that he would get an office in had attracted sufficient attention to war- | consideration of a financial contribution. rant bim in making a statement to the house. On Thursday last the hon. memof public offices. He had read a letter have now narrated. purporting to have been written by Mr. I then gave the facts to the provincial Barry, his then professional partner, a secretary, and stated to him that I befew days before the general election of lieved there were gentlemen in the office 1890. He then said that he would read a | who could verify the statement. It did letter which would show that the attorney general had received the money. When Mr. Pitts was asked if his (Blair's) name who could verify the statement. It did happen that Mr. John Wetmore, a son of the late Judge Wetmore, a most honorable young man, was a student in my was signed to it he had replied, no, but it was signed by William Wilson a great commissioner, going down on the train it was signed by William Wilson a great friend and close relation. Then he proceeded to read a letter purporting to be from Mr. Quinn to Wilson. It would be remembered that upon Mr. Pitts reading | when the occurrence took place, and he this correspondence, which he was com- would write a statement with regard to and until that receipt is produced this pelled afterwards to admit were only the matter. copies of the original papers, he (Blair) had emphatically and absolutely denied that he had been a party directly or in-directly to any transaction of the kind alleged. As regards Mr. Wilson's con-nexion with it he had said that he had no information or belief which led him in the St. John Sun, and which, he said.

keep the thing from being made public. say that neither directly nor indirectly,

colleagues on that ticket, especially of Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Wilson was desirous, appointing him to some position that he was competent to fill and which might be at our disposal; and I have no hesitation in admitting at once that there was scarcely any place vacant in the gift of the government that he did not think he was competent to fill and that he did not apply for. I very well remember that just prior to the election of 1890 Mr. Wm. A. Quinn called at my office to see me. The exact date I cannot fix. It was a

anybody else with respect to the subject of a contribution to the election fund. He came into the inner office and said that he had come prepared to make a contribution. I would not like to say positively what the amount was that he in his pocket and which he was prepared pledge from me that he would get this office before he would put the money into the fund. That as I say was the occasion office before he would put the money into the fund. That as I say was the occasion on which Mr. Quinn mentioned the sub-ject of a contribution to me, and Mr. Wm H. Quinn, never at any time mentioned the subject to me. I was indignant at Mr. Quinn for making this proposal, and I said to him, "Mr. Quinn keep your money in your pocket, go home to your father and tell him that I will take no

subscription to the election fund upon any such condition." I think I spoke to him somewhat harshly and indignantly. So much so that he went and told some of his friends that I told him he had insulted me, and that I had practically kicked

I never saw the color of his money. never heard that Mr. Quinn, either father or son, had contributed a dollar to that election, from that time down to the present until the matter was referred to the other day. It had even escaped my attention that there was something in the press about a year or so ago.

Mr. Pitts—Didn't you write a letter to Mr. Quinn with regard to this question on the 14th of October? Hon. Mr. Blair-With regard to what

Mr. Pitts-The question of appointing Hon. Mr. Blair—I have not the least doubt that Mr. Quinn was wanting me to promise him an office. I know that he spoke repeatedly to me about the position referred to as well as other

crave the indulgence of the house for a position of stamp vender and it was given to him. If Mr. W. H. Quinn will say that I wrote to him with respect to a position,

I will not dispute it. But what Mr. Quinn will not say, and

The other night, when the matter came up for the first time, I was surprised, and ber for York (Pitts) had charged him it was not until I turned that matter over with having been concerned in the sale in my mind that I recalled the facts I

Mr. Blair read letters from Messrs. J. W. Wetmore and J. H. Barry. The let-

to think that Mr. Wilson was in any way might before the house and set himself right before the house and set marky, but it appeared that the leading opposed to them. It made no difference to that the statement he had in the budget debate was the only office vacant at that time. Please send where the think that Mr. Wilson was in any way in any way in any way part, it stands in this position of Providence, been able to come down to this spot with a desire to down to the spot with a desire to down to this spot with a desire to down to th

to them how much they distorted and perverted the evidence, or whether there was any evidence at all. The Sun stated that the statement of Mr. Blair, that he knew nothing about the Quinn compact, will be accepted with considerable incredulity. He (Blair) thought that when a public man takes the responsibility in his place in the legislature of giving an emphatic denial to imputations of this character, he is entitled to have that statement accepted by respectable journalists until some evidence is offered which breaks down that statement. Where was the statement in Barry's alleged let.

Say, further, that until this receipt or some further evidence is brought forth to establish the charge against Mr. Wilson that he stands completely exonerated. I challenge the hon. member for York to bring that receipt to the light of day. The sooner he does so the sooner he will relieve himself of the odium which he will otherwise have to bear of having perpetuated a gross outrage upon a man who is not here to answer for himself, and because he happened to be his journalists until some evidence is offered what was in the mouths of hundreds of people.

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had to pool in to help the government.

Mr. Quinn had been promised a position in the clerk of the pleas office.

Mr. Blair—Who promised it?

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Mr. Pitts-He got another office and paid \$50 for it. Hon. Mr. Blair-I say most emphatiwas. Mr. W. A. Quinn, now deceased, was a particular friend of some of my he does so, every possible facility will be keeps such promises dangling before the tion, but for the investigation of any other charge he has the courage to make. as indeed I was also of doing anything I could for the young man in the way of people would be led to understand that his promises. He had not accused Mr. offices had been bought and sold under the present regime. He challenged any individual to come forward and make that charge openly. Because he was leader of the government was no reason why he and his colleagues should be office anyone who had gone there offerthe unproved allegations of irresponsible men irresponsible, even though they hold seats in the legislature, men who had no knowledge of the force of the language few days before the election. That was the first occasion on which anything was said by him to me or by me to him or were to feel that there was no protection for them against any vile and slanderous accusation that might be made, men on all sides should unite in demanding that before a man is condemned he asked to speak on behalf of Mr. Wilson. men on all sides should unite in demandshould be heard, and that some evidence worthy of the name should be adduced named. It may have been \$100 or it may have been \$200. He said his father had given him this meney, which he had worthy of the name should be adduced against him. It was a mere subterfuge —a base reflection upon this house to assert that a committee composed of its | was paid by Mr. Quinn. He could prove to put into the election fund but his father had told him that he should exact a members was not competent to conduct that Mr. Quinn had paid \$50 for getting an investigation of this character. Surely the office of engrossing clerk and Mr. the same measure of justice they would

cussed between a member of the Quinn family and Mr. Barry. The fact was that it was never discussed with Mr. Barry at all, it was discussed with me but does it was the use of Mr. Wilson saying that no follow from that circumstance that I have been dickering and trafficking with offices. The Sun also states that the Mr. Wilson's office knew all about it at him out of my office. This statement of what took place I am prepared to verify under oath. Mr. Quinn did not Mr. Quinn did not Mr. Quinn did not contribute a dollar of money.

offices. The Sun also states that the Blair-Wilson ticket got the benefit of the contribution. It just so happened that Mr. Quinn did not contribute a dollar have this and Mr. Wilson authorizes me to state that he never received one farthing from the Quinns, and that he never gave the receipt that has been referred to. "If."

claim for themselves. It was true there

were some hon. members opposite who

were utterly deaf and blind to all ideas

of justice and reason, but he did not

believe that all were impervious to these considerations. The Sun also states that

placed upon any contradiction he may make of allegations as to the sale of other offices." Then, all you have got to do is to make a charge, and though a man denies it most positively, and does all that a man can do, the public is justified in assuming everything against him. I ment papers about members of the opposay that in my opinion a man had better sition. better take away his life than take away his character and reputation that are against a member of the government or dear to him, by such vile attacks as these,

and that Mr. Scott, the Sun's editor would be pursuing a manlier course and one less denied that Mr. Lipsett never paid \$100 merciless if he pursued me through a to an election fund on condition that he contemptible articles with reference to a prepared to swear that he did contribute man who had the misfortune to differ the amount named for that purpose. He with him in politics." Mr. Blair then said that he desired to make a statement public statement regarding the would-be on behalf of Mr. Wilson. The fact should such receipt as that which Mr. Wilson was alleged to have signed had been pro-

duced. "I say if the hon, member for York has any such receipt, it is his duty this house the original of the documents to produce it or else stand branded as a slanderer. Mr. Wilson authorizes me to slanderer. Mr. Wilson authorizes and say that if they have any such receipt; say that if they have any such receipt; alleged to be signed by Mr. Wilson.

Mr. Pitts—We will produce all the evi-(the substance of which is given in the latter's sworn statement, and published

below) Mr. Blair said: It would be observed that Mr. Wilson not only denies all knowledge of the receipt, but he states emphatically that he ist in the clerk of the pleas office-unless charge ought not to stand against Mr. Wilson one instant, and those who have preferred this charge against him must lie under the amputation of ha ing outrageously and scandalously andered the character of a respectable public man. I say in conclusion that as far as this

IN THE QUINN MATTER.

there was any understanding with respect to Quinn's appointment? Neither would that alleged letter bear out the absurd statement of the Sun that it seemed to threaten that a failure to contribute would be fatal to Quinn's hopes.

After speaking at some length on the government's financial policy, Mr. Pitts took up the matter of Mr. Lipsett's dismissal, and up the matter of Mr. Lipsett's dismissal, and assume that it had been proved that this improper transaction had taken place directly with Mr. Wilson's knowledge and indirectly with his own knowledge and cognizance. I have thought it would be fatal to Quinn's hopes.

Mr. Barry, if he wrote the letter, was referring to the election, and that alone, and had never heard that Mr. Quinn had been promised an office. The inference which he (Pitts) had called attention.

If Mr. Blair imagined that by his own note, that Quinn had contributed was note.

port of the charges that he has made?

Mr. Pitts—I will produce evidence that
will make your hair stand on end. It
was all very well for the hon. member to Mr. Barry was just such a one as he had expected from that quarter. Of course Mr. Barry would say that he had no recollection about Mr. Blair's statement eyes of those whom he wants to contribute to elections, and then when the

Blair of taking the \$200 himself. The hon. gentleman would not be a party to such a proceeding, but those who knew the attorney general would know ing money as a contribution to an election fund even though such contribution were given on the understanding that the contributor was to receive in return a public office. It was an actual fact that long ago Mr. Blair was approached by a gentleman who had told him that when

a certain office was vacant that he was willing to bid so much for it. Hon. Mr. Blair-Pshaw! The latter gentleman would have been here to talk for himself if he had not held on so long to the coat tails of the attorney general. It has been said that no money the office of engrossing clerk and Mr. Quinn's father was willing to swear to that statement. It was idle for the attorney general to say that the reference in the letter sent by Mr. Barry to Mr. Quinn did not refer to Mr. Quinn's chances of getting the office for which he had applied, as Mr. Quinn was not con-cerned in, whether Mr. Barry's arrangements about funds for election purposes were complete or not, but was concerned the subject of the appointment was dis- in what his chances for the office were and that, undoubtedly, was what Mr. Barry desired his letter to Mr. Quinn to

Hon. Mr. Blair-Has the hon, member the manliness to formulate a charge and have this matter investigated by a committee of this house. It was unfair that he should make serious charges without having the courage to submit them to a says the Sun, "the plea of ignorance is made by the leader of the government in this case, we can estimate the value to be circulated abroad where, no one knowing this man, some credence may be given to

> Dr. Stockton-You have said pretty hard things about Mr. Scott of the Sun newspaper, and very frequently some pretty hard things are said in the govern-

y in the back; he had Hon. Mr. Blair - I have no sympathy with unfounded attacks, whether made

of the opposition.

Mr. Pitts—It has been attempted to be dark alley with a dirk than to write such | would get an office but that gentlemen is leader of the Liberal party in Canada without fully considering the effect of such statement.

Hon. Mr. Blair-I want to ask the hon. member if he is prepared to furnish to which he read to this house the other day, particularly do I desire to ask if he can furnish the original of the receipt

dence that you want. Hon. Mr. Blair — There is not the shadow of a foundation for the hon. member's statement, and I challenge him to ask for a committee for investigation. I repeat my question, is he prepared to Mr. Pitts-I saw a copy of the receipt and when the \$150 note was paid the re-

Hon. Mr. Blair-Scandalous. [Official Report House of Assembly, April 2.] Mr. Pitts quoted from articles in The Telegraph and Herald newspapers, which he said had villified him for the part he had

ceipt was returned to Mr. Wilson.

taken in the Quinn matter. A character was not made in a day, and he could point with pride to the fact that since he had started out in the little farmcharge involves my conduct or any house on the hill to the present time, he had, knowledge, information or belief on my through the interposition of Providence, been

during the rest of the year and up to some time in 1890 the office was vacant, the duties therefor being performed temporarily by Mr. Robert Wetmore, the present holder of the office.

2. In 1889 I made application to Mr. A. G. Blair for this position for my son William A. Quinn, and some time previous to the 14th of October, 1889, I wrote the attorney general pressing for the position for my son, William, and stating that, if William got the position, I was able and willing to help Mr. Blair's party financially

Hon. Mr. Blair—Who promised it?

Mr. Pitts—You did—I have it from two members of his family that he was promised that job if he would give \$200, and a note for that amount went through the hands of the allegation made by the for that amount went through the hands of the state-for that amount went through the hands of the ground of the salegation made by the for the form that that the breadth and strength of the state-form that that the breadth and strength of the state-form that the breadth and strength of the state-form that an outlet and an over been made at all?

Which I have since acquired which I fact stood out cold and clear that, not-fact the fact stood out cold and clear that, not-fact the state-form that the fact stood out cold and clear that, not-fact

3. In reply to this letter I wrote the attorney eneral as follows:—

or ought to have the appointment, and why should I go against men that would do justice where justice was due? I would like to have a decided answer whether William is to get the position in Mr. Allen's office or not, as you told Mr. Wilson that he (William) was to have it, and if not then he will have to look for employment at once alsowhere

William came to me with a letter from J. H. Barry, the law partner of Mr. A. G. Blair, and the financial agent of the government party in York, and the following is a copy of that letter:—

J. H. BABRY. "A. G. BLAIR, "Attorney General

Blair & Barry,
Attorneys and Slocitors,
Fredericton, N. B.

"Dear Quinn: It is of the utmost importance that you should hand me to-day the cheque we were speaking of yesterday. Our calculations were based on your doing this, and I do not know what the consequence will be if we are disappointed.

"Yours very truly,

"J. H. BARRY."

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6. After receiving said letter from Mr. Barry, I gave William the two hundred deliars with instructions to give it to Mr. Blair, but not to pay it ever until he obtained a receipt from Mr. Blair for it and a written promise of the office. William returned with the money and stated to me that Mr. Blair had refused to give the written promise asked for.

7. Before election day, Mr. Blair called on me at my store, in the city of Fredericton, and said to me that that appointment would be all right, and that William would get it as soon as the election was over and things had settled down; that Mr. Wetmore only held the office temporarily. The election passed over and some few days afterwards William told me that William Wilson wanted the election contribution of \$200 to assist in settling up the election bills, and would give him a written receipt and promise of the effice. Accordingly, on the thirteenth day of February, 1890, I gave my son William the two hundred dollars, instructing him to give it to Mr. Wilson, but to hand it over only on obtaining a written receipt for the same and a promise of the office. William took the money and came back with a written receipt, of which the following is a copy: owing is a copy :-

"Received from William H. Quinn, the sum of \$200.00, towards the election funds, not to be used until appointment is arranged, and if no appointment made, then to be returned. (Signed)
"W. Wilson."

and had no intention of making you think I had no faith in your word. I have no experience in such matters, and thought of it as a business transaction."

I did not write or send this letter to Mr. Blair.

9. A short time after, and about the first day of April, 1890, William informed me that he had waited upon Mr. Wilson at the house of assembly (Mr. Wilson then being a representative of the county of York), and sent in to Mr. Wilson on the floors of the house the following letter written upon a C. P. R. telegraph blank:

"William Wilson, Esq.:
"Dear Sir: On Friday last you told me to call on Tuesday, and I am now here for your answer, and waiting to see you in the lobby near the speaker's

Which letter my son told me had been returned to bim by a messenger, with the following memorandum endorsed thereon in Mr. Wilson's handwriting, and bim by a messenger in Mr. Wilson's manual endorsed thereon in Mr. Wilson's signed by Mr. Wilson:

"I can't go out until this matter is over. I may have something to say. Did your father write to Blair? He has not the letter yet.

"Yours, etc.," "W. Wason."

death. I declined to accept this position for William in lieu of the situation that had been promised, and on March 12, 1891, I wrote a letter to Mr. Wilson, of which the following is a copy:

"FREDERICTON, March 12, 1891.
"William Wilson, Esq., M. P. P.:
"Dear Sir,—If William is given the position of registrar of probates, I am willing to give the money now in your hands, and if not please return the same with interest, as I do not feel disposed to give anything for the position of engrossing clerk. Awaiting your

"I remain, yours, "W. H. QUINN." 11. I subsequently wrote Mr. Wilson a letter which the following is a copy:

the 12th of March, when I demanded the money. If these terms meet your approval, all right. If not, please send me the cash with interest from 13th Feb., '90, to 12th March, '91, and 7 per cent. since that time. By attending to this you will oblige,

hen M. P. P. for York, and endorsed b

"FREDERICTON, N. B., Sept. 17, 1891.

iam Wilson called upon me at my store in the city of fredericton, and requested me to show him the copy of the receipt set forth in the sixth section hereof, as he said he had lost the original. I told him that I would not show it to him, but that it was a true copy of the original.

would not show it to him, but that it was a true copy of the original.

17. That I have read in the issue of the St. John Daily Sun of the 29th March, instant, what purports to be a copy of a letter written by Mr. Wilson to Hor. A. G. Blair, dated March 28, 1894, in which he says, among other things: "I am authorized by Mr. Quinn to say that there never was any such bargaian as is alleged between him and me on behalf of the government in regard to his son's appointment to any office, nor that he ever did pay me any money for my services in his son's behalf in that connexion, and that all his transactions with me are honest and honorable; and I most positively say that I never had any such conversation with Mr. Wilson and never gave him any authority of any kind or character to make any such statement.

irtue of the Canadian Evidence Act, 1893.

Declared before me at the City of Fredericton, in he County of York, this 30th day of March, A. D.

Mr. Pitts thought this entirely cleared his skirts, that the statment he had made was not detrimental to him.

Hon. Mr. Blair asked whether, having read this declaration, the hon, member proposed to follow it further and ask for a mittee of this house to ascertain whether here were any foundation for the tions put forward as respects himself? He desired nothing more than to have He desired nothing more than to have these people make oath to their knowledge of the matter. He did not acknowledge the authenticity of the letters to and from Mr. Quinu, for he kept no copies of his own correspondence, at the same time he was not going to say that he did not receive a letter from Mr. Quinn, or that he did not reply to it. But he was going to say that if Mr. Quinn wrote that: letter, it was similar to other letters he had letter, it was similar to other letters he had received containing suggestions of which no notice was taken. He had taken no notice of Mr. Quinn's suggestion that he would help in the election. Probably when Mr. Quinn wrote it, having a friendly feeling towards the government, he thought that he would forward his plans by a financial offer. But as for his ever having directly or indirectly, communicated with Mr. Quinn, recognizing him as giving any subscription in lieu of an office, or making any promise to Quinn upon that basis, or being a party to any such proposition, he desired to give it, as he did the other day, his most absolute and unqualified denial, which he would be prepared to verify under eath, supported by other testimony, if these gentlemen chose to follow the matter up. There was nothing in Mr. Quinn's statement, which, in the slightest degree, impunged or impeached the statement that he (Blair) made the other day as regards the financial part of the transaction. If any money had passed between individ-If any money had passed between individuals, it did not pass with his knowledge. His information was that Mr. Quinn made no contribution to the election fund. Mr. arrangment and that it was a matter of imagination. He asked, as a matter of fair play, if any hon, members sought to base

committee of the house, who would be thoroughly competent to hear all the evidence offered under oath. He presumed it was not the first time that people had heard. of election contributions Mr. Pitts—Yes, they heard of them in Queens, as well as in York. Hon. Mr. Blair—If the hon. member desires to have that subject ventilated let him ask for an investigation into the election in. York at which he was returned

Mr. Pitts—Do you say that B spent any money in that election? Hon. Mr. Blair-I do not know that the hon, member himself cantributed, but I know that he was thoughly aware that many thousands of dollars were contributed in that election by means of which his return was secured. Despite the unholy cry these gentlemen raised in that election they could not possibly have carried the county of York without deluging it with money. After all the digging and delving of these gentlemen appropriate this was the full product of their

opposite, this was the full product of their

Mr. Pitts-You are not at all sceptical now as to the originality of the documents. Hon. Mr. Blair-I am not at all assured of it. I would be very sorry to acknowledge it, because from the experience we have had here it is quite possible that this letter of Mr. Quinn's has no actual existence in fact. However, I menely say, not in a definant or challenging way, that if any inference is to be suggested against myself, I think it is only fair that the matter should be submitted to evidence under oath that we might see justs where the facts lie. I am prepared to make oath upon the stand in the most solemn manner, that Mr. Quinn never suggested to me in any conversation or any writing that he was going to make a specific contribution of \$200 or otherwise in that election, I never had but one conversation on the subject and that was with W. A. Quinn as I have arready stated. He never got the office and I never promised any. The letter which has been read from Mr. Quinn shows that my state.