SUPPLEMENT.

ment the other day was correct, that I never | could prove that I had received the money promod Quinn, Senior, or Quinn, junior, the imyself, and when I challenged him he said office he alludes to. I did say that Quinn no, I would be too careful to figure in the was anxious to get an office, and I am bound matter directly. I met that charge with an to say that I was ready, if any office became instant and positive denial, and subsequently, vacant which he was competent to fill, to use when I had an opportunity of recalling the my influence to secure it for him, but he facts and securing evidence, I went fully wanted offices for which he was not competent into the matter and showed that these and I was always exceedingly careful not to charges were unfounded; and now the hon. promise im such offices. I state again that member produces this statutory declaration I did not under any circumstances give Quinn to show that I got the money indirectly, senior or junior or any person else to under- being too cautious to receive it directly. stand that upon payment of any sum of money The hon. member has not the manliness to he would be appointed to any office. I would back up that charge. He wishes that statuask the hon. member if he would allow me tory declaration to stand against me in the udgment of the country, now and for all to look at the declaration.

Mr. Pitts-No, it is not the property of time, without incurring any responsibility himself. I say the house should assert the house ; it is private property. Dr. Stockton--I think the attorney general its own dignity and respectability, and that of its members, when such degradation is

has a right to see it. sought to be placed upon it. I do not advise [House of Assembly, Tuesday, 3rd April.]

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the expulsion of the hon. member for York, Hon. Mr. Blair, seconded by Hon. Mr. White, moved the following resolution : Resolved, That the statutory declaration of W. H. Quinn, read in this place by Mr. Pitts, a member for the county of York, be laid upon the table of this house, to be dealt with as the house shall direct.

To which Dr. Stockton objected, as a two days' notice was necessary.

Mr. Speaker overruled the objection. And on the question being put, it was re-

solved in the affirmative. Hon. Mr. Blair, seconded by Hon. Mr. Dr. Stockton-I hav'nt it in my possession White, moved the following resolution :

Whereas, Mr. Pitts, a member for the county of York, stated and charged in his place in the house on Thursday last, that money contributions had been ex-acted from persons seeking favors at the hands of the government, and in proof thereof he would show that the attorney general had received money from one Quim in consideration of an office to which he was to be appointed, and when the said Mr. Pitts was acked by the attorney general if the paper which he was to be appointed, and when the said Mr. Pitts was asked by the attorney general if the paper which he had read proved his connection with the matter, Mr. Pitts replied "No; he would be too careful to figure in the matter directly," leaving the implication that while not figuring in the matter directly, he was cognizant of and a party to the transaction; and *Whereas*, The attorney general, on the said charge or statement being made, absolutely denied the truth thereof in every particular so far as his knowledge of, or connection therewith, the matter occurred is con-cerned, and later, after Easter recess and on Wednes-day last, made, or what purported to be, a full and

I could not exactly from memory, I suppose it is in the paper. Q. Was he alone, or did someone accoming of such declaration or statement by any motion to refer the said matter to a committee for investigation; has not ventured to impeach that state-ment. Then I said that Mr. Quinn was Mr. Tweedie-I would think Mr. Pitts pany him? A. Yes. there here when no distinct charge is made. Witness-I had one and I him the first night. Mr. Tweedie-My view is that it is absurd Q. Have you searched for it? A. Yes. to say that a witness can come here and say he is represented by counsel. On that prin-ciple Miss Mary Quinn can come here with find it. If I had it would be here. not appointed and there had been no sale could answer for hin self. We simply want Q. Who was he? A. A printer-Mr. of office because there was no office given. That statement has not been impeached. to ascertain how we shall proceed. My own idea would be, Mr. Pitts having made these intention of the said member to move for such com-mittee, or to make any charge directly impeaching the conduct of the attorney general in any way in the alleged matter, but leaving it so that the said member and others desiring to do so, may hereafter contend that the said statutory delaration did involve matter reflecting upon the integrity of Mr. Blair; and Whereas, The attorney general desires that all the facts in connection with the alleged matter, so far as he is directly or indirectly connected therewith, or affected thereby, shall be fully investigated before a committee of this house, such committee to be em-powered to report their finding upon the evidence, and their opinion as to whether there is anything in the acts or conduct of the attorney general reflecting upon him in the slightest degree in the said matter ; be it therefore Resolved, That the said statutory declaration and all papers in anywise connected therewith, be referred Crocket. in the evening. Q. How late? A. About 6 or 7. Mr. Sivewright—Q. After dark? A. Yes. Mr. Blair—Q. Did any person call upon you before Mr. Stockton did on the same subject? A. No. I think not Many may think that I would, therefore, be entitled to treat this declaration with supreme contempt. I am not content, howmoned in order to substantiate the charges ever, to allow the atmosphere to be clouded when I can clear it. I am not content to he has made. The committee would not you before Mr. Stockton did on the same subject? A. No, I think not. Q. You knew at the time that some state-ments had been made in the lesislature of peared in the case of Nadeau and Theriault Q. Whose writing is this ! A. Mine. Q. It is all yours, it it ? A. Yes. rest under suspicion until a committee of this house has found not only that the charges as evidence in the case and then call upon Q. It is not signed? A. No, and the writing is not all mine. Down to the word "due" is all mine. have not been proved, but that they have been disproved. I have not consulted with Mr. Blair to answer it. Mr. Powell—As I understand it this inthe transaction between you and Mr. Wilson? been disproved. I have not consulted with any supporters. This course I have marked out for myself. There is only one state-ment put forward by Mr. Quinn that gives a color to my having had the slightest con-nexion with the transaction. After the as counsel. Q. In whose writing is the rest of it? A Mr. Tweedie-That was a committee My son William's. privileges, and I think the attorney general was a member of the committee. Q. You state in this letter that Mr. Wil. Resolved, That the said statutory declaration and all papers in anywise connected therewith, be referred to a select committee of five members of this house to investigate and determine whether there was or is anything in the conduct of the attorney general in the alleged matter reflecting unfavorably upon him or upon his integrity in office, and that the said commit-mittee be empowered to inquire into all matters con-nected with the facts alleged in the declaration so far as they relate to Mr. Blair, and that such committee be empowered to send for persons and papers and exson and Mr. Bellamy had told William that Mr. Blair-Yes, I was chairman of he should or ought to have the appointment ? paragraph in which Mr. Quinn says that can rebut. Mr. Tweedie-If the whole 41 members of A. Yes. Mr. Wilson was there several times. I am William came to him and said that he must Mr. Tweedie-In other words I understand Q. What appointment was that ! A. The not certain that Mr. Pitts was there before the house can examine Mr. Quinn the inquiry furnish \$200, and after the letter of January your position to be that it is open to Mr. 16th from Mr. Barry, Mr. Quinn says deli- Pitts to make any charges in the House that intment in Mr. Allen's office-that was or after it. will be illimitable. what he applied for, and the only one. Q. Don't you know that Mr. Pitts was Mr. Powell-I think one of the gentlem Q. Do you say that was the only office he he chooses and without attempting to prove there before that? A. He might have been. would be sufficient. I do not care to assum berately that between the date and election applied for? A. At the time. Q. He had made application for others be-fore, had he not? A. I know he did atterthem before a Committee, the onus is upon I am not positive. as they relate to Mr. Biar, and that such committee be empowered to send for persons and papers and ex-amine all witnesses upon oath in pursuance of the powers conferred by chapter 33 of 33rd Victoria, and to report the evidence so taken 'on such inquiry to this house, and the opinion and finding of such committee upon such evidence. the role of examiner. It is well to preserve day I called upon him at his store and said that the appointment/ would be all right, and that Wilkam would get it as soon as the election was over. The inference to be Q. You think you couldn't say positively ? judicial forms, and I do not think any mem-A. No, I really could not say whether it was ber of the committee would wish to examine judicial forms, and I do not think any memand cross-examine witnesses. before or after. wards. election was over. The inference to be drawn from that statement is that after The mover in the matter is the attorney Q. Didn't he apply for the refereeship in equity? A. I cannot tell you. I don't think I know what that is. Mr. Pitts-I agree with that. I think one will be sufficient. Q. Was not Mr. Pitts there early in the general and he has to select his course. session-almost immediately after the open-William had come to me and made his in-And the same being debated, and the de-Mr. Stockton-Then I agree that only one ing-before Easter? A. I could not say Mr. Tweedie-The mover in the matter is sulting proposition, which I indignantly bate being ended, And the question being put, the house divided, and the names being called for, they were taken down as followeth : positively that he was or was not. Q. Did not you tell Wilson, the first time he called to see you, that Pitts had been there? A. I might have done so. If is (Mr. Phinney) will speak. Mr. Sivewright—Don't you think it would be better that no counsel should appear at all? Don't you think the members of this not the attorney general. The charges have positively that he was or was not. repelled, and after Mr. Barry's letter, which was on the 16th of January; and before elec-tion day (January 20th), I called upon him and told him the appointment would be all right. It was with the view of employing that I gave Mr. Quinn to understand that Mr. Pitts-I have not made these charges. Mr. Tweedie-I would like to have Mr. Yeas. Mr. Killam, Pitts say whether he intends to produce any Q. Don't you remember doing it. committee are quite competent to elicit all ought to get it. Hon. Mr. Blair, Hon. Mr. Mitchell, Hon. Mr. Emmerson Hon. Mr. White, Hon. Mr. Tweedie. Hon. Mr. Labillois, evidence or whether he declines. Q. You remember that, do you ? A. Yes. Smith (Westmorland), Flewelling, Scovil, Baird, O'Brien (Northum'd), Dibblée, the facts ? Mr. Powell.—That would depend on the course taken by the other side in the investi-Q. Was this copy written from the letter Q. Didn't you tell him, the first time he called, that Pitts had been there ! A. Well, I don't know—he called so many times. Q. Didn't you tell Wilson the first time he a brief. I would rather not be placed in first and the other written from it. the money might be sent in, and the office you sent, or was this written first and the was to be given that the astute composers of this document smuggled in that paragraph between sections 6 and 8. They wished to between sections 6 and 8. They wished to other written from it? A. This was written Hon. Mr. Labi Mr. Gogain, Dr. Lewis, Harrison, Blanchard, Theriault, Russell, Sivewright, Mott. Q. Didn't you tell Wilson the first time he called that Pitts had been there trying to get you to tell him something? A. I might Mr. Tweedie—If Pitts had preferred create the idea that indignant as I was at the insult of William, under the direction of his father, I had gone at once to Mr. Q. Did you copy the other? A. Yes. Dunn, McLeod, Wells, Farris, O'Brien (Charlotte), Q. Did you copy the other? A. Yes. Q. What did you do with the letter that you copied? A. Mailed it. Q. To whom? A. I addressed it to you. Q. Will you give me the letter which you state here you received from Mr. Barry. (Witness produces letter of January 16, 1890—with envelope—which is put in evi-dence and marked No. 3.) Mr. Powell—O. What year was it that have done so ; I am not positive. charges in the ordinary way and said he would prove them he might appear here by Quinn after William's offer of the money and told him the office would be all right, from which he was to infer that he Mr. Tweedie—As a member of the com-Q. Didn't you tell him that Mr. John counsel, but to say that every witness who Nage.Mr. Powell,
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observations w Black had been there too? A. No. comes here can appear by one or two counsel ething came out in one of the papers here ut it? A. Yes, last winter. And did not you tell him that upon But I say that Mr. Quinn stands in a different position from the ordinary witness. His Mr. Powell-Q. What year was it that veracity and the correctness of his declara- you received that letter from Barry? A. I Mr. Powell-Q. What year was it that could'nt tell you the year. Mr. Blair—Q. Would it be just before or just after the election of 1890? A. I couldn't tion have been impeached. Mr. Blair-That is the case with every witness. Mr. Phinney—No, not necessarily. This inquiry is based upon the solemn declara-tion of Mr. Quinn, read and placed upon the table of the house, and upon that it must proceed. Now, Mr. Quinn has a right to counsel in order to protect himself and his say which it was. cannot say; I did not keep any record of it. Q. Had you seen me from the time that you got my letter of October 14th, and the position before the country. I do not desire to appear on behalf of any other witness except as I appear for Mr. Quinn. Mr. Tweedie—I wish to place myself right as a member of this committee and not Mr. Pitts-My answer to that is that when the occasion arises, and it is necessary, I will I couldn't tell you. it only right to say that he had not made any observations with regard to Mr. Wilson's mise and that Mr. Wilson was advising him observations with regard to Mr. Wilson's position yesterday, because he had had no chance to communicate with him or of know-ing what statement he was prepared to make. He might have stated too much or too little, and therefore did not think it prudent to deal with it. I say at the outset, continued Mr. Blair, that Mr. Wilson will be prepared Mr. Blair, that Mr. Wilson will be prepared Q. It was not prepared in your house? A name my witnesses. No.
Q. Who had come to you to get that statement from you before the paper was prepared and submitted? A. Mr. Stockton.
Q. Did he take down any statement from you at the time? A. Yes, certainly.
Q. The next call that was made upon you was made by Mr. Phinney was it? A. Yes.
Q. How long after Stockton came and got some particulars was it that Phinney called with this document? A. I could not say how long.
Q. Could you give us any idea? A. No.
Q. Whether it was a day or a week? A. Well, it was more than a day and it might
No. The Chairman-My ruling is that we are here now to hear evidence in substantiation of the charges in that declaration, on which a resolution of the house was passed appoint. ing this committee to investigate the matter. Therefore, I decide that Mr. Pitts should proceed to have his witnesses summoned and to make, in the most solemn manner, a state- nant; he actually came to my own store the to prove the charges. ment of the facts, so far as he knows them, day after the interview with William and Mr. Pitts-Well, I want to place on record if he is given an opportunity of appearing said it was all right, and William would get before a committee of this house. I wish to the office? I scarcely think these gentlemen the following (reading paper) : say, as a matter of justice to him, that I have been his friend and colleague for many years, and I have yet to see the evidence that he is a dishonest man. I do not believe there is a a dishonest man. I do not believe there is a dishonest man. I do not believe there is a stand and swear that he saw me between the day of election; and I do further predict that it will be proved, beyond all peradventure. But he began his life struggling amid difficulties, and by the energy of his character he was able to obtain and a profession to which he a syllable of conversation with me in the said resolution contains in the prestated that that would be after you got this Well, it was more than a day and it might matter. It is the attorney general who letter from me of 14th October. Now I ask have been a week. charged Q. Who did Mr. Phinney bring with him? A. He brought a lawyer named McCready. Q. Did Mr. Pitts call upon you before you signed this paper? A. Well, he had been in frequently. Charged. Mr. Blair—It is my conduct in office that is the subject of this inquiry. Mr. Quinn is a mere pawn on the board. The resolution provides that a committee be appointed "to investigate and determine whether there was Q. Were you at the door when I was going infe strugging and differences, and by the energy of his character he was able to obtain an education and a profession to which he does credit. There are men who do not hesitate to cast reflections upon him who are not worthy to unloose his shoes. If the house grants a committee he will confront the man who has sought to impeach his character. Oh, no; not to impeach his character, for he is not the man they want to get at. I am the individual they want to destroy, and in order to accomplish that de-Q. Who was present? A. No person but provides that a committee be appointed "to investigate and determine whether there was or is anything in the conduct of the attorney by and called me in ? A. No, the door was Q. Did he make any request of you to make a statement? A. If I was brought up or is anything in the conduct of the action do general in the alleged matter reflecting un-favorably upon him or upon his integrity in office." Mr. Stockton—Suppose you proceed to to tell the truth about it-what I knew. Q. Did he request you to make a statement such as this? A. No. prove that Mr. Quinn's statement is false Q. Did be make any request of any kind of you? A. Well, he requested me to tell (and that was alleged on the floors of the Q. Can you tell me the conversation that legislature) is that not a matter as to which occurred? A. Yes. what I knew. Q. Did he give you any reasons why you should do so? A. No. Q. What did I say? A. You said you struction they are indifferent as to whose corpses they walk over. If they have to take off Mr. Wilson's head to get at minst and cullul (or which he considers h Mr. Quinn should seek to be protected here ? Mr. Blair—He has no more right to be protected here than any other witness. at the door and a man in charge of it—and Q. Didn't he tell you that he was in a hole and wanted you to help him out? A. No. take off Mr. Wilson's head to get at mine never knew from him, nor did he know of they will shed a tear for Mr. Wilson, no any means by which I could be made aware When counsel go into court to try a case you said when the election was over and each of them seeks to impeach the veracity things settled down he would have the Mr. Tweedie - Nothwithstanding the Mr. Stockton-I object to that question. It is leading and besides you are cross-exam- of the witnesses on the other side, and it is position statement of the member for York, Mr. doubt, like the French lady who had such a of the fact that there had been any money Chairman, I would ask you to decide the tender heart that she always drowned her | received from Quinn in connexion with this course of procedure, and to ask Mr. Pitts if ining your own witness. Mr. Blair—I claim the right to cross-exam. absurd as say that because their veracity is Q. What position was that? A. Well kittens in warm water. (Laughter and ap-plause.) I want to know the circumstances I regret not upon personal, but upon public Mr. Blair—I claim the right to cross-exam. ine this witness. Mr. Tweedie—We might as well have it Mr. Tweedie—We might as well have it he intends to prosecute in the matter. Mr. Pitts-I have given an answer to that ine this witness. under which this plot was hatched, and the grounds the time and expense that this innames of the men who did it. I wish to know the names of the gentlemen who have haunted the corner of Westmorland and Brunswick streets day after day, no, but in the iter day, no, but in the shown to them that their confidence in the iter day after day, no, but in the stage I decline to decided now whether Mr. Stockton and Mr. statement is not correct we cannot try him for it here; it would have to be somewhere else, and there he could appear by counsel. we wanted from you at that time. Q. Was there nobody in the store but you and I at the time? A. No, it was in the Phinney have a right to appear here. Mr. Phinney—I want it known that I appear here for Quinn at his request, and Mr. Powell—I would move, seconded by afternoon. Mr. Pitts-Yes, at this stage I decline to dim hours of the night, when most honest interity and honesty of the man whom they Mr. Pitts, that Mr. Phinney having stated Q. How late in the afternoon? A. It was that he appears as a member of the legislature after dinner. I know I could see the horses give the names of any witnesses or to take upon his retainer. men are asleep, to concoct this little scheme. That paper was read by Mr. Pitts ostensibly for the purpose of justifying himself and re-lature is involved, as well as the character of Mr. Tweedie-I submit a witness cannot any action. appear by counsel in any court. He may and also as representing Mr. Quinn that he and man there. Mr. Tweedie-I would move, then, that have counsel to confer with, but his counsel be allowed to take part as counsel in the Q. It was light enough to see the horses cannot stand up and object to what is said. proceeding and both to examine and cross- but it was along in the afternoon pretty well? Q. It was light enough to see the horses moving the stigma of being a slanderer. What was the charge he made? The other day he charged that money contributions had been exacted from persons asking favors at Mr. W. H. Quinn be subpœnaed cannot stand up and object to what is said. Mr. Powell—I think every member of the Caraied. A. Yes. Q. Didn't I tell you that I felt very well Mr. Tweedie-I would move that Miss examine witnesses as the case may be. house would have a right to appear here in-Mr. Sivewright-I submit that Mr. Phin-Mary Quinn be subpenaed. dependently of representing a witness to interrogate and take part in the proceedings. Mr. Blair—I submit not, unquestionably. ney's first contention is rather in conflict disposed towards Billy and anything. 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Mr. Powell-Well, he is something more would vote against it. Minutes of previous session of committee Mr. Blair-I do not wish any restrictions Q. Do you remember any other conver-to be placed upon this investigation, and I sation that took place before the election at read and confirmed. Hon. Mr. Blair-That was the charge in imputations involved in the statement of the than a witness. He has made a declaration substance if not in language, and that is the hon. member for York, that fact may be William H. Q way it has been treated in the press without brought to the knowledge of this country. Hon. Mr. Blair : William H. Quinn sworn, examined by am willing as the person charged—if any all after the date of this letter of the 14th of gentleman will stand up and father that October but that one? A. I had conversations which identifies him with the case. Mr. Stockton-I would state that Mr. Mr. Tweedie-His declaration is not evia word of protest from him. charge-to withdraw any objections to his 1 with you at different places, bu's I cannot say (Loud applause). : Mr. Pitts-I said plainly that you did not Mr. Speaker appointed as such committee, Phinney and myself appear here this evening dence before the committee and we have appearing here by counsel. Mr. Pitts-I am perfectly prepared to versation before you came to my store was on Messsrs. Killam, Tweedie, Sivewright, Pitts, to look after Mr. Quinn's interests. He is him to give evidence in the case. get the money. mixed up in the matter as having done some | Mr. Powell-It is the truth of Mr. Quinn's

COMMITTEE ROOM, House of Assembly, Fredericton, N. B., April 4th, 1894. [Stenographic Report.]

Present : Hon. L. J. Tweedie, John Sivewright, A. E. Killam, H. A. Powell and H. H. Pitts, M. P. P's, a committee appointed to investigate matters in the statuory declaation of W. H. Quinn, made on the 31st v of March last. etc.

On motion of Mr. Pitts, seconded by Mr. Sivewright, Mr. Killam is appointed chairman

On motion of Hon. Mr. Tweedie, Frank H. Risteen is appointed secretary of the committe.

Committee adjourned, to meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock.

> COMMITTEE ROOM, House of Assemly, April 5th, 1894.

The chairman reads the resolution under though I say there might be crimes less serious than that which he has now comwhich the committee was appointed; also the statuary declaration of W. H. Quinn. mitted that would deserve a more serious hereto annexed "A" and "B" respectively. punishment. Now, how far does the statu-The Chairman-How does the committee tory declaration tend to establish the charge propose to proceed? Mr. Pitts having read which this gentleman is unwilling to make this statutory declaration in the house, and and yet unwilling to withdraw? It is said

the matter having been referred to this comthat a letter was written by me to Mr. Quinn on the 14th of October, 1889. I ask mittee, the proper course would seem to be the leader of the opposition, who has that that Mr. Pitts should produce his witnesses letter in his possession, to allow me to see it. to substantiate the charge.

Mr. Powell-The resolution just read recites that Mr. Pitts has not asked to have now; it is in my room. Hon. Mr. Blair—Then I cannot vouch for the matter investigated. It is Mr. Blair the genuineness of that letter. I hope I will who has brought on the investigation.

Mr. Sivewright-Does Mr. Pitts decline be allowed to see it at no distant day. But I don't think the letter affords the slightest to accept the initiative in the matter? would think he would try to substantiate justification for the charge which has been the statutory declaration. made, or rather insinuated against myself.

Mr. Powell-Not at all. It stands for You will find that there is not a statement which Mr. Quinn has made in his declaration

Mr. Sivewright-Has he no names to sug that conflicts with to the width of a hair gest as witnesses? with the statement I have hitherto made,

Mr. Pitts-I have nothing to say about it

thing improper, and we are here as counsel statement that we are trying. Mr. Quinn in father that charge as far as the declaration for him, to look after his interests if necesa sense is on trial. Mr. Blair-Perhaps it might not be amiss,

if a minute is made of the fact that Mr. Stockton states that he appears here for Mr, Quinn, that the statement should be made by me that this committee cannot recognize Mr. Stockton or Mr. Phinney as representing Mr. Quinn. He is under no charge here. The mere fact of a person being brought here as a witness does not entitle him to be reprecase proceeds, but the committee cannot eral. hear these gentlemen; they have no status Mr. Blair-You are so much interested in before this investigation at all.

Mr. Stockton-We are not asking to be heard, but only to be here, to watch the case in the interests of Mr. Quinn, and, if necessary, to put questions to Mr. Quinn after his direct examination is over. Mr. Blair-Well, we will see about that

later. The Chairman-To have a witness represented by counsel is something new in investigations of this kind.

Mr. Stockton-There never has been an investigation here in which counsel did not appear. Mr. Blair-And there never has been a case here in which the party making the charge has been unwilling to prosecute. Q. You reside in Fredericton? A. Yes. Were you residing in Fredericton in

the year 1889? A. Yes, I have been living here a number of years. Q. And are doing business here? A. Yes . You keep a shop? A. Yes. Q. On the corner of Brunswick and Westmorland streets? A. Yes. Q. Perhaps you would kindly tell me, Mr. Quinn, if this document bears your signa-ture? (Declaration shown). A. Yes, it Q. At whose request did you make this statement? A. At the request of Mr.

Stockton. Q. He called upon you at your place, did

Q. Could you tell me when that was? A

s concerned. Mr. Phinney-I am prepared, as a member

me. Mr. Phinney—In addition to what I have already claimed I claim that as a member of over to him, and it was signed in my presthe legislature I have a right to appear. Mr. Tweedie.-I will oppose the motion. (Mr. Powell's motion is lost on the casting Mr. Stockton-I submit the same. Mr. Phinney-In addition to claiming that vote of the chairman.)

appear here as a member of the legislature, Mr. Pitts- As the attorney general has I may say that I also appear for the reason Mr. Pitts— As the attorney general has that it has been stated that the honor and said that if anyone would father the charge sented by counsel. He may have private integrity of the legislature as a whole is he would allow him to be represented by counsel, with whom he can consult as the involved, and so stated by the attorney gen- counsel, I therefore will father the charge so

the honor and integrity of the legislature behalf. that you want to establish that the imputa- Mr. tion is well founded. Mr. Powell-I think myself that it is better that one counsel on each ... de should ap-

Mr. Blair-But I understand that no man is prepared to prosecute the charge against

me. There are no two sides to this busi-ness. I have been obliged to force this in-Mr. Blair--What you wish is that I should

to take it up. Mr. Stockton-I say you are deliberately trying to gag the inquiry, but the country will judge of you. Wr. Tweedie-I do not think you should

The Chairman-I decide that Mr. Quinn having appeared as a witness cannot be represented by counsel. Mr. Quinn is not on trial at this time, and there is no charge against him.

Mr. Phinney—I submit the chairman has no right to decide it. We ought to have the judgment of the committee. I propose to appear here to protect Mr. Quinn, at his equest and on his retainer.

The Chairman-Mr. Quinn will be fully protected. Mr. Sivewright-Apparently Mr. Phinney appears as a member of the legislature and

also as representing Mr. Quinn. Now, under which of these does he interrogate the witness?

far as it has relation to the declaration, and would ask that Mr. Phinney appear on my

Mr. Blair-The declaration contains no charge against me.

Mr. Pitts-Nobody has brought a charge against you. You brought the charge gainst yourself.

Mr. Powell-If you are going to follow strict legal forms, there is no prosecutor here

vestigation on because no one else is willing seem to object to having these witnesses examined, so that you could go before the country and say that I did not allow the

say that to a member of the Committee.

Mr. Blair-Perhaps not. Under the circumstances I apoli, ise to Mr. Powell. Mr. Tweedie-It Mr. Pitts says he will take charge of the prosecution that is another

Mr. Blair-Q. Did Mr. Pitts tell you that he had got into a hole and you must help him

out? A. No. Q. Or anything to that effect? A. No. Q. That he had a personal feeling in the matter and wanted to follow it up? A. No. Q. Will you be good enough to produce the letter referred to in your statutory declara-tion of October 14th?

is equally as strong as the other, and both together are irresistible. Mr. Sivewright—I have no desire to stifle the inquiry, but it does seem a little strange that two lawyers, one the leader of the opposition and the other an eminent practi-tioner, should think it necessary to come here when no distinct charge is made. Mr. Phinney-I submit under both. On cerned, and later, after Easter recess and on Wednes-day last, made, or what purported to be, a full and complete statement of all knowledge possessed by him in respect to the matter, with letters and state-ments of others verifying his denial; and *Whereas*, Under the pretense of clearing his skirts of the stigma of having slandered a member of the house, the said Mr. P. tts produced and read a statu-tory declaration by William H. Quinn, relating to matters aforesaid, but has not followed up the read-ing of such declaration or statement by any motion to house, the said mr. P. tts produced and read a statu-tory declaration or statement by any motion to matters aforesaid, but has not followed up the read-ing of such declaration or statement by any motion to house, the said mr. P. tts produced and read a statu-tory declaration or statement by any motion to matters aforesaid, but has not followed up the read-ing of such declaration or statement by any motion to house, the said Mr. P. tts produced and read a statu-tory declaration or statement by any motion to house, the said mr. P. tts produced and read a statu-tory declaration or statement by any motion to house, the said mr. P. tts produced and read a statu-tory declaration or statement by any motion to house the status for the declaration read by him ? Mr. Powell—As I understand Mr. Pitts he he? A. Yes. Q. For that purpose? A. I should think

hastily made, though it was to this house. That statement was that I had not directly or indirectly had any understanding or agreement with Mr. Quinn, junior, or to say that he declines to name any witnesses

Hop. Mr. Blair-The hon. member said he and Powell