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Gananoque, Ont.,
June 10th 1889

My Dear Sir John

The bearer
Wm J. P. Keller of East Northumberland
who has relatives in my town called
on me this AM on his way to
Ottawa where he goes to engage in
business & was introduced to
me formerly Canada was asked
me for a letter of introduction
which I cheerfully give him &
anything you can do for him can
count his thanks

Yours truly
Sam Lount

Sir John A. McDonald
Ottawa

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Copy to Railways & Canals 12 December 1899

On a Memorandum dated 21st November, 1899, from the Minister of Railways and Canals representing that certain charges have been made against the Superintendent of the Murray Canal, Mr T. P. Keeler, bearing on his management of the Canal and his conduct in relation to his official duties, as to which it seems desirable that an investigation should be made under oath.

The Minister recommends that he be authorized to appoint Mr G. G. Ruel, the Law Clerk of the Department of Railways and Canals, a Commissioner for the purposes of such investigation; such appointment to be under the provisions of Chapter 115 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, carrying with it the powers conferred

conferred by the said Act.

The Committee submit the foregoing for Your Excellency's approval

Wilfrid Laurier

Approved.
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On a Memorandum dated 23rd March, 1900, from the Minister of Railways and Canals representing that under an Order in Council, dated 11th December, 1899, and in pursuance of the Act in that regard, Chapter 115 of the Revised Statutes of Canada, a Commissioner has been appointed to investigate certain charges preferred against Mr Thomas P. Keeler, Superintendent of the Murray Canal, reflecting on his conduct as such Superintendent, and the management of the Canal.

The Minister further represents that such investigation was duly held, and evidence was taken under oath, Mr Keeler being duly represented by Counsel, and the report of the Commissioner has been received, shewing it to have been proved that in certain directions there has been abuse of his position by

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by Mr Keeler, to his own advantage, and to the Government's pecuniary detriment; specifically, in the undue charging for horse and vehicle in trips taken over the Canal, in the employment of Government labourers for his own domestic purposes, in the use of Government coal for the heating of his private residence, &c.

The Minister observes that the investigation appears to have been conducted in a most fair and impartial manner, and with every desire to afford Mr Keeler the benefit of any doubt that might exist, but the Minister feels that, though, perhaps, no wilfully criminal act, or intentional wrong doing has been committed by Mr Keeler, his acts, nevertheless, have been of a character highly reprehensible in one occupying the responsible position he was

was filling, and that it is not desirable in the public interests that he should continue in the employment of the Government.

The Ministers accordingly recommends that Mr Keeler be dismissed.

The Committee submit the foregoing for Your Excellency's approval.

Wilfrid Laurier

Appd.

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On a Memorandum dated 15th January, 1900, from the Minister of Railways and Canals, recommending that, in order to carry out the enquiry into certain charges made against the Superintendent of the Murray Canal, to which end an Order in Council, dated 11th December, 1899, gave him authority to appoint the Law Clerk of the Department of Railways and Canals, as Commissioner, - authority be now given for the appropriation of the sum of $400. from the Vote for "Unforeseen Expenses" in order to provide funds for the said investigation.

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The Committee submit
the same for Your Excellency's
approval.

Wilfrid Laurier

C.P.C.
Jan. 17. 1900.