

DEAR Mr. KING.—I am very unlucky in having been away from this place when you called here to-day. I was at St. Albans, in Hertfordshire. I fear I shall not be at home to-morrow, and by the note you write to me I see you return to London early to-morrow. I shall, I regret to say, be unable to be in London to-morrow. You may be assured, however, of my sincerest wishes for the welfare of your colony at Buxton. I always look back with great satisfaction and interest to what I saw under your guidance there in 1857. I shall be unable just now to make a large investment, but shall be glad to take ten shares, if that will assist you. In case you remain at Northampton to-morrow, I beg you and your friend Mr. McKellar, M.P., will come and sleep here to-morrow. I shall be at home by five or six on Thursday. I have to go to London by the eight o'clock train, and shall be glad to see you, if you wish it, at 27 St. James-street at 11:30, a.m.

Yours faithfully,
SPENCER.

BRICK LANE, Feb. 10, 1850.

DEAR SIR,—I have to-day paid the £50 in full which I promised to advance for the Elgin Settlement. I prefer to do this rather than sign any document whatever, and rather than accept the two shares.

You may call it a loan or what you like, but I do not wish to incur any liability.

Believe me, dear sir,

Yours faithfully,

(Signed.) J. ROWSELL BUXTON.

Rev. R. King.

80 ECCLESTON SQUARE,

Jan. 8, 1873.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your note of the 4th instant, I can only say that I have the vaguest possible recollection of having given any sum of money to Mr. King. In fact, but for your note, I should never have thought again on the matter.

I have no doubt, however, that I gave the £25, with the full understanding that it was for an object good in itself, but with doubtful probability of success, on account of the necessary difficulties, and indeed I am confident I looked upon it as a gift, not as a loan. I need not say, therefore, I make no claim to the money, and I hope you will tell Mr. King that, so far as I am concerned, I hope he will never hear of the matter again.

Much regretting to hear of the difficulties he has had to meet,

I am, dear sir,

Yours truly,

(Signed) W. E. FORSTER.

Rev. Horrocks Cocks.

PRIVY COUNCIL OFFICE, Jan. 18, 1873.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your note of the 15th inst. I can only say that, not remembering that my late uncle, Josiah Forster, ever mentioned to me Mr. King's enterprise, I cannot speak with authority on his behalf, but I have no doubt that were he alive he would take the same view of the matter I do myself. At any rate, as his acting executor, I should think I was acting wrongly, and contrary to what I am sure would have been his wish, in taking any steps for the recovery of the money or the annoyance of Mr. King.

I am, dear sir,

Yours truly,

(Signed) W. E. FORSTER.

Horrocks Cocks.

54 LOMBARD-STREET, E. C.

20th January, 1873.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to your enquiry, I beg to say that I have not any claim whatever on the Rev. Mr. King, the money I subscribed toward the Elgin settlement being from the first a gift.

I am, dear sir,

Yours truly,

(Signed.) J. G. BARCLAY.

Rev. H. Cocks.

LEEDS, January 7, 1873.

DEAR SIR,—I have this day received yours of the 4th instant.

Some ten years ago or more, Mr. King was introduced to me by a particular friend of mine (since dead, Mr. Christy), who had visited his Canadian settlement for escaped blacks, and was much pleased and interested with what he saw.

I subscribed £50 and for a short time I received some payments toward interest

Since that time I have heard nothing of Mr. King, or the settlement, and am very sorry to learn from your letter that his philanthropic scheme has been unsuccessful.

No one has any authority to quote my name to the disadvantage of Mr. King, and if you think it would be any relief to his mind to have this disclaimer, you are quite at liberty to forward this letter to him. I release Mr. King from any pecuniary liability in regard to the £50.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours truly,

(Signed,) JNO. JOWITT,

J. P. for the West Riding York.

Rev. Horrocks Cocks.

I allude to these to show that the great bulk of that money was in the first place intended, and would have been given, as a gift. The charge of having had the use of some of this money for my own purposes has been attempted to be fastened on me. Now, I wish to explain what connection I had with it, and to do so, I attempted to get possession of the old books of McKellar and Dolsen. I ceased to have any connection with McKellar and Dolsen in 1855, two years before Mr. Dolsen left. When he left he placed the books in the hands of Mr. Jessiman, and I have written to him and also to Mr. Scane, who also had the books, to try and get them. They have been, however, unable to get the day-book and ledger—the books I wanted. I, however, did the next best thing. I wrote to the book-keeper whom Dolsen and myself had, and this is his reply:—

BAY CITY, Feb. 26th, 1872.

A. MCKELLAR, ESQ.,

Toronto, Ont.

DEAR SIR,—I am in receipt of your favour of 24th inst., accompanied by a copy of the *Mail* newspaper, and calling my attention to an article contained therein headed "Elgin Frauds," and asking me to state what I know of the matters referred to, and also the means I had of obtaining my information. I may state that in the month of February, 1856, I was employed by McKellar and Dolsen as book-keeper and cashier, which position I occupied from that date till the summer of 1868, when I left Chatham and became a resident of this State. All I know of the Elgin affair is as follows:—In the latter end of March or beginning of April, 1860, Rev. Wm. King called upon me at your office during your absence at Quebec, and Mr. Dolsen's absence purchasing logs, he told me he had made arrangements in England for money to carry on lumbering operations in Buxton, that it was too late to do anything at that point that season, and therefore he must arrange with McKellar and Dolsen to purchase a cargo of staves on the line of the Great Western Railway, and have them shipped as he had agreed. He at the same time handed me a list of liabilities, which he wished me to pay out of the money as soon as received, amounting to a sum between fifteen hundred and two thousand dollars, and on that list was the sum paid E. L. Stoddard, as published in his letter to Mr. Stephenson in the *Mail* of the 16th of January, which you sent me. The money was received, in all about two thousand dollars. The debts on Mr. King's schedule were paid. Mr. James McLean, of Wardsville, who had been employed in purchasing logs during the winter, was engaged to purchase a cargo of staves. He bought the staves at Mount Brydges, and they were sent from there to Messrs D. C. Thompson & Co., of Quebec, to be shipped to William Miller, Fenchurch-street, London.

Mr. Thomson wrote that freights ran so high that if they were shipped to London there would be a loss on them. I recollect you yourself had business in Kingston, and from there you went to Quebec to see if it were possible to have them sent to London without loss. You reported on your return that they could only be shipped at a profit as broken stowage, and that there were so many of them they could not be sent in that way, and that you had left them with Mr. Thomson to do the best he could with them; he sold them late in the fall or early in the winter and sent us the money, which, at your request, I handed to Mr. King; that is all I know of the matter. No other monies belonging to Mr. King or the Elgin Association were in your possession either before or after that date, during my stay in Chatham.

Yours truly,

J. M. WALKER.

The money was paid to Mr. King, and I happened to have an account here of the stove sale, which I see amounted to \$4 534, leaving a profit of \$92 03 in the transaction. That, sir, is what I had to do with that