

The Hon. the Minister of Mines.

Audit Office, 25th June, 1898.

THOUGH it may appear late for me now to submit for your consideration the attached memorandum, which was written on the 19th March last, but which has since been delayed, because the papers were taken away at the time by your department, and were returned to me but a day or two ago, I am moved respectfully to do so by a sense of how important it is to the interests of the public service that the Government should repress in its employes any disposition to make their official communications to the public the channel for expressions of impatience at such Audit Office requirements as that receipts for payments of public money should be stamped in accordance with law.

J. K. WARBURTON, Controller and Auditor-General.

The Hon. the Minister of Mines.

I do not see that any good purpose can be gained by pursuing this correspondence any further. Recommended that the papers be filed.

27th June, 1898.

H. J. H. ELIOTT.

Hon. Mr. Cadman.—R. J. S.

I understand Premier has seen Controller and Auditor-General on the matter.—A. J. CADMAN, 18th July, 1898.

File.—H. J. H. E., 19th July, 1898.

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