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OF

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No. 1.

Lord Lyons to Earl Russell.—(Received July 19.)

My Lord,

Washington, June 28, 1864.

I HAD on the 25th instant the honour to receive your Lordship's despatch of the 11th instant, directing me to ascertain why the recommendation of the Commissioners in favour of Mr. McHugh's release had not been acted upon, and if necessary to apply to Mr. Seward on the subject.

On learning from Mr. McHugh at the beginning of this month that he was still detained at Fort Warren, notwithstanding the recommendation of the Commission, I lost no time in addressing myself to Mr. Seward. I have since not ceased to remonstrate both verbally and in writing against the protracted imprisonment of this British subject, and I had sent in a note to Mr. Seward on the subject on the day before I received your Lordship's despatch. It was not however until the day before yesterday that I received anything like a satisfactory answer. On that day Mr. Seward came to my door, and assured me that Mr. McHugh would be released immediately.

I shall not, however, be at ease until I know that Mr. McHugh is actually at liberty, and it appears to me that even then there will be due from the United States' Government at least some explanation with regard to the fact that he was kept in prison for more than two months after the Commission had reported that he ought to be released. As the case now stands, this prolongation of his imprisonment appears to be wholly without excuse.

I inclose copies of the correspondence which has taken place in relation to the case since I had the honour to address to your Lordship my despatch of the 5th ultimo.

The assertion which appears to have been made to Mr. McHugh's friends at New York, and to have been communicated to Mr. McKenna, to the effect that I had advised Mr. McHugh to procure his liberation by money or by influence, is of course wholly without foundation. I have directed the Acting Vice-Consul at New York to endeavour to trace the origin of this false statement, and I should be very much obliged if your Lordship would cause Mr. McKenna to be asked to obtain and forward to you copies of the letters in which it was made, or at all events ascertain and let you know the names of the writers of them. I have reason to think it not impossible that some such assertion may have been made to Mr. McHugh or his friends with a view to extorting money from him, and if so it is extremely desirable that the authors of them should be discovered, and if possible brought to justice.

I have, &c.
(Signed) LYONS.

Inclosure 1 in No. 1.

Mr. McHugh to Lord Lyons.

My Lord,

Fort Lafayette, New York Harbour, May 31, 1864.

IN again calling your attention to my case, I have the honour to inform your Lordship that I have had an interview this morning with the Judge Advocate of the Military Commission, before whom I was examined on the 29th January 8th and 23rd February, and who kindly informed me that the gentlemen composing the Commission had decided when last examined that there were no grounds for my detention, and had recommended

my discharge. I would respectfully request your Lordship to place yourself in communication with the proper authorities and procure my release.

I remain, &c.
(Signed) JAMES Mc HUGH, of Belfast, Ireland.

Inclosure 2 in No. 1.

Lord Lyons to Mr. Seward.

Sir,

Washington, June 5, 1864.

ON the 27th April you were good enough to inform me that the Military Commission which investigated the case of Mr. James McHugh had reported that, in their judgment, he should be released. It appears, however, from a letter which I have received from him, that he was still at Fort Lafayette on the 31st ultimo, more than a month afterwards.

I earnestly beg you to call the immediate attention of the proper authorities to the case, and to move them to release Mr. McHugh without further delay.

I have, &c.
(Signed) LYONS.

Inclosure 3 in No. 1.

Lord Lyons to Mr. Mc Hugh.

Sir,

Washington, June 5, 1864.

I HAVE begged the Secretary of State of the United States to call the immediate attention of the proper authorities to your case, and to move them to release you without further delay.

I have, &c.
(Signed) LYONS.

Inclosure 4 in No. 1.

Acting Consul Edwards to Lord Lyons.

My Lord,

New York, June 7, 1864.

REFERRING to your Lordship's despatch to Mr. Consul Archibald of the 28th of April, I have the honour to transmit, herewith inclosed, for your Lordship's information, a copy of a letter, with its inclosure, just received at this Consulate from Mr. James McHugh, confined in Fort Lafayette.

I have, &c.
(Signed) P. EDWARDS.

Inclosure 5 in No. 1.

Mr. Mc Hugh to Consul Archibald.

Sir,

Fort Lafayette, New York Harbour, June 6, 1864.

SINCE I last had this pleasure I had an interview, on the 31st of May, with the gentlemen composing the Military Commission, before whom I was examined on three different occasions; they assured me that they were not aware of my still being held as a prisoner, as there were no grounds for my detention, and had recommended my discharge on the 23rd February. The Judge Advocate (Major Bolles) requested me to write to Lord Lyons (a copy of which I inclose), and he would forward same on that evening, inclosing a note from himself. Up to the present time I am without an answer, and I have now to request that you will call his Lordship's attention to my case, who, with these facts before him, can insist on my release.

I have, &c.
(Signed) JAMES Mc HUGH.

Inclosure 6 in No. 1.

Mr. Seward to Lord Lyons.

My Lord,

Washington, June 10, 1864.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 5th instant, relating to James McHugh, and in reply to inform your Excellency that I have recalled the attention of the Secretary of War to the case.

I have, &c.
(Signed) WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

Inclosure 7 in No. 1.

Lord Lyons to Acting Consul Edwards.

Sir,

Washington, June 11, 1864.

IN answer to your despatch of the 7th instant, I have to inform you that I had already received from Mr. McHugh, a similar letter to that addressed to you, of which a copy was inclosed in your despatch, and had written in answer on the 5th instant, to say that I had begged the Secretary of State of the United States again to recommend the case to the immediate attention of the proper authorities.

In reply the Secretary of State informed me yesterday that he had recalled the attention of the Secretary of War to it.

I am, &c.
(Signed) LYONS.

Inclosure 8 in No. 1.

Acting Consul Edwards to Lord Lyons.

My Lord,

New York, June 13, 1864.

REFERRING to my despatch of the 7th instant, I have the honour to transmit herewith inclosed, for your Lordship's information, a letter just received at this Consulate (in one addressed to me) from Mr. James McHugh, in Fort Lafayette.

I have, &c.
(Signed) P. EDWARDS.

Inclosure 9 in No. 1.

Mr. Mc Hugh to Lord Lyons.

My Lord,

Fort Lafayette, June 13, 1864.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of yours of the 5th instant, in which your Lordship informs me of an interview you had with the Secretary of State of the United States in which you demanded my release without any further delay. As I see no signs of any approaching freedom, I would again respectfully ask your Lordship to procure an interview with the Honourable E. M. Stanton, and on the representations you may make, he will give your Lordship an order for my liberation.

I have, &c.
(Signed) JAMES Mc HUGH.

Inclosure 10 in No. 1.

Acting Consul Edwards to Lord Lyons.

My Lord,

New York, June 22, 1864.

IN referring to your Lordship's despatch of the 11th instant, I have been begged by Mr. James McHugh again to draw your Lordship's attention to the fact of his continued imprisonment.

Mr. McHugh informed me, when I yesterday saw him in Fort Lafayette, that he had up to that time received no information further than what has been communicated by your Lordship, that he would soon be released.

I have, &c.
(Signed) P. EDWARDS.

Inclosure 11 in No. 1.

Lord Lyons to Mr. Seward.

Sir,

Washington, June 24, 1864.

I HAD on the 5th instant the honour to remind you that you had informed me on the 27th of April previously that the Military Commission which had investigated the case of Mr. James McHugh had reported that in their judgment he should be released.

You were so good as to state to me on the 10th instant that you had recalled the attention of the Secretary of War to the case, but I have reason to fear that although two months or more have elapsed since the Military Commission recommended that Mr. McHugh should be released, this unfortunate man is still in confinement at Fort Lafayette.

I earnestly entreat that orders may without further delay be given for his restoration to liberty.

I have, &c.
(Signed) LYONS.

Inclosure 12 in No. 1.

Lord Lyons to Mr. Mc Hugh.

Sir,

Washington, June 24, 1864.

I HAVE this day addressed a note to the Secretary of State of the United States, calling his attention to the fact that two months have elapsed since the Military Commission which investigated your case reported that, in their opinion, you ought to be released, and I have earnestly entreated that orders may, without further delay, be given for your restoration to liberty.

I have received to-day a letter from you, dated the 13th instant, a duplicate of which I received through Her Majesty's Consulate at New York on the 14th instant.

I am, &c.
(Signed) LYONS.

Inclosure 13 in No. 1.

Lord Lyons to Acting Consul Edwards.

Sir,

Washington, June 24, 1864.

I HAVE received your despatches of the 13th instant, and of the day before yesterday, respecting the case of Mr. James McHugh.

Your despatch of the 13th instant crossed that from me written on the same day, in which, in answer to a previous despatch from you dated the 7th instant, I informed you that I had begged the Secretary of State of the United States again to recommend the case to the immediate attention of the proper authorities, and that the Secretary of State had written to me on the 10th instant to say that he had recalled the attention of the Secretary of War to it.

A fortnight having since elapsed, and no further communication having reached me from the Secretary of State, I have again earnestly requested that orders may, without delay, be given for the restoration of Mr. McHugh to liberty.

I am, &c.
(Signed) LYONS.

Inclosure 14 in No. 1.

Lord Lyons to Acting Consul Edwards.

Sir,

Washington, June 28, 1864.

WITH reference to your despatch of the 22nd instant, and to the previous correspondence relative to the case of Mr. James McHugh, I have to state to you that the Secretary of State of the United States assured me yesterday that Mr. McHugh would be immediately set free. I am very anxious to hear from you that he is actually at liberty.

I have been informed that Mr. McHugh's friends at New York have written to England to the effect that I advised him to procure his release by influence or by money. I am particularly anxious to trace the origin of this false statement. I therefore beg you to see Mr. McHugh as soon as possible, and to ask him whether he was ever told that I had advised him to procure his release by influence or money; and if he says that he was told this, to call upon him to state by whom. You will also take any other measures which may occur to you as calculated to ascertain the origin of the unfounded assertion. I have written to England for further information on the subject.

I am, &c.
(Signed) LYONS.

No. 2.

Lord Lyons to Earl Russell.—(Received July 9.)

My Lord,

Washington, June 28, 1864.

I HAVE recently had cause to suppose that attempts have been made to extort money from British subjects, as well as from Americans, by persons having or pretending to have influence enough to obtain their release from prison. Indeed, I very much suspect that in several instances prisoners have obtained their release by paying money, and that others have been detained on various pretexts for the purpose of extorting money after orders have been sent hence for their release. I have directed the Acting Consul at New York to lose no opportunity of collecting evidence on the subject; but I have not yet been able to obtain sufficient proof to warrant my making a formal complaint to the United States' Government, or, indeed, to justify my reporting the existence of the practice to your Lordship as an ascertained fact.

It is with a view to assist in obtaining evidence on this point that I am particularly anxious to be made acquainted with the names of the writers of the letters who stated that I had advised Mr. McHugh to procure his release by influence or by money. If an assertion to this effect was really ever made to Mr. McHugh or his friends, there can be little doubt that it was made for the purpose of extorting money from him, by leading him to despair of obtaining his release by my exertions; and it would be important to take advantage of any clue for discovering the authors of it.

I have, &c.
(Signed) LYONS.

No. 3.

Earl Russell to Lord Lyons.

My Lord,

Foreign Office, July 9, 1864.

HER Majesty's Government approve your Lordship's proceedings, as reported in your despatches of the 28th ultimo, with regard to the case of Mr. James Mc Hugh.

I am, &c.
(Signed) RUSSELL.

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No. 1.

Lord Lyons to Earl Russell.—(Received July 17.)

My Lord

Washington, July 4, 1864.

IT is with great pain that I find myself obliged to send off another messenger without being able to report positively that Mr. McHugh has been released from Fort Lafayette. I am entirely at a loss to account for the delay, and would fain hope that at this moment he may be free, and that I may be able to announce the fact to your Lordship by telegraph before the packet sails.

Eight days ago, as I had the honour to report to your Lordship in my despatch of the 28th instant, Mr. Seward came to my house to tell me that Mr. McHugh was to be released immediately. I informed your Lordship in that despatch that I should not be at ease until I knew that he was actually at liberty. I have accordingly not ceased to press the subject with Mr. Seward. On the 1st instant I received from him an official note informing me that the order for the discharge had been given. I have urged that the order shall be repeated by telegraph, and that the military authorities at New York shall be ordered to report by telegraph that it has been executed.

I inclose copies of further correspondence on the subject.

I have, &c.
(Signed) LYONS.

Inclosure 1 in No. 1.

Mr. Mc Hugh to Lord Lyons.

My Lord,

Fort Lafayette, New York Harbour, June 27, 1864.

SINCE I had the pleasure on the 13th instant I have not had the honour of receiving a reply. No doubt your Lordship imagines that the United States' authorities have given me my freedom; this is not so, and I have now been given to understand (through a private source) that these same authorities propose holding me until this war is over, in face of the facts that I have committed no act against the laws of the United States, nor are there any charges against me that justify my detention, as decided by the Military Commission on the 23d February.

I remain, &c.
(Signed) JAMES Mc HUGH.

Inclosure 2 in No. 1.

Lord Lyons to Mr. Mc Hugh.

Sir

Washington, June 29, 1864.

I HAVE just received your letter of the day before yesterday. I was positively assured on Saturday evening, the 26th instant, that orders would be given immediately for your release, and I wrote on Monday to Her Majesty's Acting Consul at New York

to beg him to ascertain whether you were actually released, and inform me. Should you be still in custody when you receive this letter, I beg you to let me know as soon as possible; in any case, I am anxious that you should communicate with the Acting Consul before you leave New York.

I am, &c.
(Signed) LYONS.

Inclosure 3 in No. 1.

Mr. Seward to Lord Lyons.

My Lord,

Department of State, Washington, July 1, 1864.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your note of the 24th ultimo relative to the case of Mr. Mc Hugh, a prisoner in Fort Lafayette. I now have the honour to acquaint your Lordship in reply, that the Secretary of War has informed this Department that the discharge of the prisoner has been ordered.

I have, &c.
(Signed) WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

Inclosure 4 in No. 1.

Mr. Mc Hugh to Lord Lyons.

(Telegraphic.)

New York, July 1, 1864.

MY Lord, yours of the 29th at hand. I am still here, and no order has arrived to release.

Inclosure 5 in No. 1.

Acting Consul Edwards to Lord Lyons.

My Lord,

New York, July 2, 1864.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt, this morning, of the following telegraphic message from your Lordship.

“I am informed by an official note from the Secretary of State that the discharge of Mr. McHugh has been ordered. Report to me immediately by telegraph whether the order has been executed.

“*Washington, July 2, 1864.*”

Immediately upon its receipt I telegraphed to your Lordship as follows:—

“Mr. McHugh promised to call at the Consulate immediately upon release. He has not so called.”

After dispatching this message to your Lordship I telegraphed to the commanding officer at Fort Hamilton, to which Fort Lafayette is subordinate, as follows:—

“Is James McHugh still in Fort Lafayette? Please answer at once.”

And have just now (half-past 8 o'clock, P.M.) received the following reply:—

“James McHugh is still here.

(Signed) “JAMES B. BULLEN, 7th Infantry.”

I have lost not a moment in transmitting to your Lordship a telegraphic message as follows:—

“I have just received a telegram from commanding officer there, reporting Mr. McHugh still at Fort Lafayette.”

I have, &c.
(Signed) P. EDWARDS.

No. 2.

Lord Lyons to Earl Russell.—(Received July 16.)

(Telegraphic.)

Washington, July 5, 1864.

MR. JAMES McHUGH was released last night.

No. 3.

Lord Lyons to Earl Russell.—(Received July 21.)

My Lord,

Washington, July 8, 1864.

YOUR Lordship will have learned by my telegram, of the 5th instant, that Mr. James Mc Hugh was at last released from Fort Lafayette on the 4th of this month. Mr. Seward was good enough to communicate to me on the evening of that day the telegram from the General commanding at New York, which forms the first inclosure in this despatch, and on the following day I received, by telegraph, from Mr. Edwards, Acting British Consul at New York, information that Mr. Mc Hugh was actually at liberty. The inclosed copies of a despatch from Mr. Edwards, and its inclosures, will make your Lordship acquainted with the orders on the subject issued by the military authorities at New York, in consequence, no doubt, of instructions sent from the Government here.

It appears that it was in fact stated to Mr. Mc Hugh and to another prisoner, Mr. Rahming, that I had said "that they should use strategy to get out, and that if they had to pay anything, they would not lose by it, but would be returned tenfold." The statement, however, did not originate, as I had suspected, with persons professing to have influence with those in power, and desirous of extorting money from the prisoners, under pretence of obtaining their liberation. It appears, on the contrary, to have been made by a Mr. Cauty, a released prisoner, with a view to obtaining from them an advance of money for his own use. Mr. Mc Hugh states that Mr. Rahming was, in fact, induced to advance money on a bill drawn by Mr. Cauty, and adds that the bill was dishonoured.

I have the honour to transmit to your Lordship a copy of a despatch in which I have directed Mr. Edwards to make inquiries of Mr. Rahming on the subject.

The imprisonment of Mr. Cauty and the steps taken by me to obtain his release formed the subject of my despatches to your Lordship of the 6th January last, of the 12th February last, of the 15th of the same month, and of the 22nd March, as well as of your Lordship's despatches of the 20th of February and 8th of April last.

I have, &c.
(Signed) LYONS.

Inclosure 1 in No. 3.

Major-General Dix to Colonel Hardie.

Office of United States' Military Telegraph,
War Department.

THE following telegram received at Washington 9 P.M., July 4, 1864:—

"Colonel James Hardie.

"New York, July 4, 1864.

"I ordered James McHugh to be released yesterday. I have sent Captain Rivers to Fort Lafayette to see that he is released, and he will telegraph you by 10 o'clock P.M.

(Signed) "JOHN A. DIX, Major-General."

Endorsement :

War Department, July 4, 1864.

The within telegram from Major-General Dix upon the subject of the release of James McHugh, is respectfully furnished the Honourable the Secretary of State for his information. This by order of the Secretary of War.

Respectfully, &c.
(Signed) JAS. A. HARDIE.

Inclosure 2 in No. 3.

Acting Consul Edwards to Lord Lyons.

My Lord,

New York, July 5, 1864.

MR. JAMES McHUGH has called upon me this morning, he having late last night been released from Fort Lafayette.

I have lost not a moment in transmitting to your Lordship a telegraphic message to the following effect:—

“Mr. James McHugh was last night unconditionally released from Fort Lafayette.”

I have the honour to inclose herewith for your Lordship's information, a copy of a letter from Mr. McHugh (which he has himself handed me), containing a detailed statement of the official orders which have led to his release.

In compliance with instructions contained in your Lordship's despatch of the 23rd ultimo, I have questioned Mr. McHugh in reference to statements reported to have been made by his friends, to the effect that your Lordship had advised him to procure his release by influence or by money.

Mr. McHugh informs me that he thinks it possible that his friends have made statements of the nature of those referred to, and he would appear to have been labouring under the impression that your Lordship had recommended such a course in his own case, and that of Mr. Rahming, likewise confined in Fort Lafayette. I have the honour to transmit, herewith inclosed, a copy of a written statement in reference to this matter which Mr. McHugh has just supplied me with.

The Dr. Cauty referred to by Mr. McHugh is the same, whose case has been the subject of correspondence between Her Majesty's Legation and the United States' Government, and who was recently released from imprisonment. I have unfortunately been unable to follow the statement to its source, as I find that Dr. Cauty sailed hence for Central America about two weeks since.

I have strongly impressed upon Mr. McHugh the falsehood of this statement, which as I have explained to him, may possibly have originated in some strange misapprehension by Dr. Cauty of your Lordship's meaning, and he has expressed his conviction that such statement could never really have been made.

I have, &c.
(Signed) P. EDWARDS.

Inclosure 3 in No. 3.

Mr. McHugh to Acting Consul Edwards.

My dear Sir,

Fort Lafayette, July 3, 1864.

ON yesterday evening Colonel W. Burke received a telegram from you inquiring if I was still here. About two hours afterwards a despatch arrived ordering my release on conditions, copy of which I have succeeded in obtaining, and beg to give you the same:—

“Colonel Martin Burke, United States' Army, Commanding Fort Lafayette.

“*Head-Quarters, Department of the East,
New York City, July 3, 1864.*

“Sir,

“By order of the Secretary of War you will immediately release James McHugh upon his taking the oath, and giving his parole of honour to immediately leave the United States, and not to return during the war. When he takes the oath you will send him with it (the oath) to these head-quarters.

“(Signed by command of Major-General Dix.)”

I was allowed to answer this letter by telegraph.

“Colonel van Buren, Major-General Dix, 47, Blucker Street, New York.

“Colonel,

“*Fort Lafayette, July 2, 1864.*

“Your order releasing James McHugh I have just received; you say, ‘when he takes the oath to release him;’ he refuses to take any oath, as he is a British subject; he will give his parole of honour to leave the country in fifteen days, and not to return during the war. Please reply at once.

(Signed)

“M. BURKE, Lieutenant-Colonel,
“United States' Army.”

The following answer was received about 10 o'clock.

"To Colonel Burke, Commanding Fort Lafayette.

"New York, July 2, 1864.

"Release James McHugh on giving his parole of honour to leave the United States immediately, and not to return during the war.

(Signed)

"JOHN A. DIX, Major-General."

"Colonel M. Burke.

"Colonel,

"Fort Lafayette, July 3, 1864.

"I have thought much over the demand of General Dix, that I should give my parole of honour to leave the country before being released. I have come to the conclusion that by so doing I would be then conceding to the powers that be a direct acknowledgment that I had been guilty of some act or acts against the laws of the United States; and as I have already proved, to the satisfaction of the gentlemen composing the Military Commission, that I have not, or they would not have recommended my discharge so far back as the 2nd of February; and as I believe the Secretary of State has granted my release without any such conditions as have been proposed, I have now to positively refuse to give any parole of honour.

"I am, &c.

(Signed)

"JAMES Mc HUGH."

Until I can see you I will be content to remain here; and Colonel Burke has sent a despatch to the Secretary of War and Colonel van Buren to the effect that I have refused to give or accept any parole, and must be released unconditionally.

July 4, 1864.

About half-past 8 o'clock the following telegram was received, in consequence of which I was released:—

I remain, &c.

(Signed)

JAMES Mc HUGH.

"To Colonel Martin Burke, Commanding Fort Lafayette.

"Head-Quarters, Fort Lafayette, July 4, 1864.

"Is James McHugh released? If not, discharge him from custody without condition.

(Signed)

"JOHN A. DIX, Major-General."

Inclosure 4 in No. 3.

Mr. Mc Hugh to Acting Consul Edwards.

Sir,

New York, July 5, 1864.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your favour of the 29th instan inclosing a copy of a letter received by you from his Excellency Lord Lyons, in which his Lordship wishes to be informed of statements which have reached England purporting to come from him. In reply, I have to inform him that, on the 28th April, 1864, Mr. G. F. Cauty visited Fort Lafayette, and informed J. C. Rahming, Esq., and myself that he had just returned from Washington, where he saw Lord Lyons, and he assured us that his Lordship told him that we should use strategy to get out of there; and if we had to pay anything we should not lose by it, but would be returned tenfold.

I am, &c.

(Signed)

JAMES Mc HUGH.

P.S.—In placing the statements of Lord Lyons and Mr. Cauty's together, I am inclined to believe that his Lordship did not say what Mr. Cauty attributes to him, and that he had a purpose in telling the same to Mr. Rahming and myself, as he afterwards got Mr. Rahming to advance him money on a draft drawn by him on Messrs. Dumas, Hankey, and Co., of London, which was dishonoured.

J. Mc H.

Inclosure 5 in No. 3.

Lord Lyons to Acting Consul Edwards.

Sir,

Washington, July 6, 1864.

I HAVE received your despatch of yesterday's date, in which you inform me that you have strongly impressed upon Mr. McHugh the falsehood of the assertion which appears to have been made by F. P. Cauty that I had said that "Mr. McHugh and Mr. Rahming should use strategy to get out of there (Fort Lafayette), and if they had to pay anything they should not lose by it, but would be returned tenfold."

You add that you explained to Mr. McHugh that this statement might possibly have originated in some strange misapprehension by Mr. Cauty of my meaning. I cannot admit this possibility; I never said anything which had the slightest resemblance to the assertion made by Mr. Cauty, or which could by any conceivable amount of misapprehension be supposed to mean anything of the kind.

I beg you to make inquiries of Mr. Rahming, to whom it appears, from the letter from Mr. McHugh, of which you send me a copy, that an assertion of the same kind was made by Mr. Cauty with a view (Mr. McHugh suggests) to obtain an advance of money.

I have, &c.
(Signed) LYONS.
