

Some eighteen days being past and no reply having been received, the following enquiry was made:

TORONTO, 1st April, 1878.

*To the Hon. R. W. Scott, Secretary of State, Ottawa :*

HON. SIR,—Permit me to say that I am directed by the Deputation of the Loyal Orange Association of Ontario West to enquire if any and what action has been taken on their petition to the Governor in Council, which they had the honour to place in your hands on the 14th day of March last, dated 12th ult. An early reply is particularly requested.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your obedient servant,

R. REYNOLDS,

152 Yonge Street.

To the above the following answer was returned :

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

OTTAWA, 2nd April, 1878.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st inst., inquiring relative to petition of the Loyal Orange Association of Ontario West.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your most obedient servant,

EDOUARD J. LANGEVIN.

Under Secretary of State.

R. REYNOLDS, Esq., Toronto.

After a further lapse of ten days another letter was addressed, as follows, to the Secretary of State :

TORONTO, 12th April, 1878.

*Hon. R. W. Scott, Secretary of State, Ottawa.*

SIR,—In reference to my enquiry of the 1st inst., relative to the petition of the Loyal Orange Association of Ontario West, I had the honour to receive a prompt acknowledgment of its receipt; but the information