

To His Excellency The Right Honourable
 John, Baron Lisgar, G.C.B. - G.C.M.G.
 Governor General of the Dominion of Canada

*The Petition of Joseph Bouchette, on his own behalf,
 and on the behalf of others, the Children and Grand-
 Children of the late Joseph Bouchette, in his life-
 time Surveyor General of the Province of Lower
 Canada, now the Province of Quebec,*

HUMBLY SHEWETH,

That the said late Joseph Bouchette, on the faith of a vote of the Legisla-
 tive Assembly of Lower Canada, in General Committee, granting to the said
 Joseph Bouchette a sum of £1,500, to aid and encourage him in a large public
 geographical and topographical undertaking, published in 1815 extensive maps
 of the Canadas, and of the other British possessions in North America, which
 cost him upwards of £4,000 sterling.

That, although it was universally acknowledged that the said Joseph
 Bouchette had not only fulfilled his obligation, but exceeded in the execution of
 his work, the engagements he had taken both with the Legislature and the public
 he was actually paid no more than £500 out of £1,500 so voted, upon which he
 had fully relied, esteeming a vote of the whole House in Committee as tanta-
 mount to a pledge that he would receive Legislative support to that extent.

Journals of
 the House of
 Assembly of
 L. C.
 23 Feb., 1814.
 14 " 1827.
 Idem 4th Mar.
 1817.
 Evidence of
 Thos. Lee,
 Esq., M. P.
 Journals
 Ho. As. L. C.
 14 Feb., 1827.
 pp. 145-6
 Appendix
 hereto annex-
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That, immediately after the passing of the said vote of the 23d February,
 1814, the said Joseph Bouchette, at considerable pains and expense to himself,
 went vigorously to work in the prosecution of his undertaking by travelling
 through the Province, accumulating further maps and documents, and obtaining
 statistical information through the means of wide spread circulars; and early in
 June following, he sailed for England in His Majesty's ship *Ajax*, with his volumi-
 nous M.S., maps and documents, to place his work in the hands of British
 artists for publication.

That, after the maps had been engraved in England, under the personal
 supervision of the author, and after the whole work was accomplished and laid
 before the Legislature and the country, the said Joseph Bouchette humbly
 and repeatedly petitioned the Legislature to obtain the balance of the said
 vote of £1,500, representing how deeply the publication had involved him, and