

pany. It was not until about the year 1840 that the scheme was entered upon, and then, no doubt, with a view to perpetuate the existence of the Company in this country. It was found to meet the case of the emigrant who was poor in money but rich in muscle, which muscle could be exhausted for the enriching of the Company. The passing of the Act, and the granting of the Charter, were in themselves frauds upon the emigrant; but the violation of the Charter itself by the introduction of this pernicious leasing system, and the refusal to make rapid settlement and sales of the lands, is a two-fold wrong, which sooner or later must be put right by the power of Parliament.

That the Charter granted followed closely the words of the Act there can be no doubt, for on the 15th July, 1828, an amendment to the Act was passed, in which power is given to the Company to appoint Commissioners in this country to sign Deeds on behalf of the Company and other minor matters. In this amendment the following words are to be found:—"On the 19th day of August, in the seventh year of his Majesty's reign, His Majesty, *in pursuance of the said Act*, was graciously pleased to give, grant, make, ordain, constitute, declare, and appoint, that Charles Bosanquet, Esquire; William Williams, Esquire; Robert Biddulph, Esquire; Richard Blanshard, Esquire; Robert Downie, Esquire; John Easthope, Esquire; Edward Ellice, Esquire; James William Freshfield, Esquire; John Fullarton, Esquire; John Galt, Esquire; Charles David Gordon, Esquire; William Hibbert, the younger, Esquire; John Hodgson, Esquire; John Hullett, Esquire; Hart Logan, Esquire; Simon McGillivray, Esquire; James McKillop, Esquire; John Masterman, Esquire; Henry Usbourne, Esquire; and Morton Tucker Smith, Esquire; together with such and so many other person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, as had become, or should at any time thereafter become, subscribers or shareholders of or for the capital stock thereafter mentioned, in manner thereafter provided, shall be one body, politic and corporate, in deed and in name, by the name of the "Canada Company."

And further on in the same Act, the following is to be found:—"And Whereas, the said Letters Patent were in all respects in pursuance of, and in conformity with, the provisions of the said Act of Parliament."

In June, 1864, the "Whitewashing Act" was passed in our Parliament—in which may be found the following words:—"All leases made at any time by the said Canada Company, or by their attorneys for the time being, or by one or more of them, for the benefit of the said Company, are hereby confirmed as to the power of the making, and the due execution thereof by the said Company, but to no further or other extent whatsoever.