

of December aforesaid, to the 22nd day of April, A.D. 1879. On the last day aforesaid, your Petitioner was tried on the charge aforesaid, and was acquitted by the direction of the Honourable Mr. Justice Galt, the preceding Judge of Assize, *who stated that there was no evidence whatever to go to the Jury.*

4. That your Petitioner, previous to his release from imprisonment aforesaid, was charged with the commission of several other offences of a similar nature, and was subjected to an examination thereon, and the only evidence adduced at such examination was the fact that your Petitioner was in the Post Office when the money alleged to have been missing was abstracted or lost.

5. That on the 26th day of April aforesaid, an Order-in-Council was passed, removing your Petitioner from the Civil Service.

6. That your Petitioner is a married man, with a wife and two children dependent upon him.

7. That your Petitioner, conscious of his innocence, and fortified by the very strong condemnation of the prosecution expressed by the presiding Judge of Assize, having a full reliance on the honour and justice of the Crown in re-instating him in his appointment as soon as the facts were fully known; and, being undesirous of carrying on any further litigation in the Courts for the vindication of his character, respectfully requested the Honourable the Postmaster-General to direct an open investigation, by the proper Post Office authorities, into the charges that had been brought against him. This request, however, the Postmaster-General refused to accede to.

8. That your Petitioner when he received the final decision of the Postmaster-General refusing an open enquiry was unable by the reason of lapse of time to bring an action against the said Gilbert Griffin for false imprisonment in order to re-establish his character in a Court of Justice.

9. That your Petitioner, if an opportunity is afforded him, is prepared to shew that several of the reasons given by the Post Office Authorities for his arrest were wholly groundless and had no foundation in fact, and your Petitioner is further prepared to shew that he is wholly innocent of all the offences with which he has been charged.

10. That the prosecution having wholly failed to make out any case whatever against your Petitioner or to offer sufficient evidence to go to the Jury, the Jury under the direction of the Judge rendered a verdict in favor of your Petitioner, whereby your Petitioner was unable to offer any testimony in his own behalf to shew how he became possessed of moneys which the prosecution assumed he could not account for, or to explain away certain appearances which were alleged to be indicative of his guilt.

11. That your Petitioner now seeks a full investigation of all the proceedings taken against him from the time of his arrest until his removal from the Civil Service, as the only means now open to him to prove his innocence and vindicate his character.