

paper that Bro. Little lost no time in attending to our request :

ENQUIRY.

"April 29—Mr. Little—When the petition addressed by the Orange Grand Lodge of Western Ontario to His Excellency the Governor General, and placed in the hands of the Secretary of State by a deputation from said Grand Lodge on the 14th March last, will be answered?"

On Wednesday, 1st May, the First Minister, Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, replied that it was answered.

The following is Mr. Little's reply to our letter of the 29th April :

OTTAWA, 1st May, 1878.

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MY DEAR SIR AND BRO.—I brought the matter of petition up this afternoon, and the Premier informed me that it was answered, from what I can learn only, to-day though. Let me know the date of reply, if you have received any.

Yours ever faithfully,

W. C. LITTLE.

This reply is dated Ottawa, April 30th, 1878, and bears on the envelope the postmark May 1st, Ottawa, and Toronto, May 2nd.

The following is the answer of the Government to our petition, which it will be seen begs the question :

OTTAWA, 30th April, 1878.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst., calling the attention of the Government to the petition addressed to His Excellency the Governor General in Council by the "Loyal Orange Institution of Ontario West," praying that the Government will take such steps as shall secure peace, protect life, and maintain order if the