

Districts of Quebec, Portneuf and Saguenay, with a jurisdiction limited to £20 (wherein was included the whole of the business of the City of Quebec to that amount) and a yearly salary of £500 currency. The newly appointed District Judges in the rural districts had lesser salaries.

That afterwards, on the 9th December, 1843, a further change in the Judicature System ensued, under which the District Judges were converted to Circuit Judges, Commissioners of Bankrupts and Chairmen of the Quarter Sessions of the Peace, and were all of them placed upon an equal footing with salaries of £500 each, but without any allowance for travelling expences, whereby the salaries of the Junior Judges were augmented without any increase to that of the memorialist.

That on the 30th May, 1849, the Judicatory of Lower Canada was again remodelled, and a more extensive jurisdiction granted to the Circuit Judges, with a salary or allowance of £550, in lieu of all emoluments, whether for travelling expences or otherwise.

That the memorialist has with the most unremitting zeal devoted the whole of his time and energies to the faithful discharge of the sacred duties of those highly important offices for a period of more than twelve years, and with the advantage of never having had his conduct the subject of censure or complaint, yet nevertheless, owing to the changes of the governmental ministers and their multifarious avocations, the government has lost sight of its promise to promote your memorialist's interest, so that the just and reasonable expectations of your memorialist have not been, as he was led to believe by the said promise, realised, but on the contrary, he has suffered a heavy pecuniary loss, in the difference between the amount of his salary when first he had the honor to be appointed Commissioner of the Court of Requests and its subsequent and present diminished amount.

Wherefore Your Excellency's memorialist humbly prays of Your Excellency to be pleased to take the premises into your favorable consideration, and do therein what in your wisdom may seem, as to right and justice to appertain, and the memorialist in duty bound will ever pray.

W. POWER.

Quebec, 24th September, 1852.