

entered them in my bill book, numbered them, and exchanged the paper, took my ledger and credited the note for the £1,000 and debited the two for £500. All this was done in his presence, and he was behaving as coolly as if he had been transacting a piece of ordinary and legitimate business. As the Board had intimated to me, they might require some such change, I had not the least idea anything was wrong. Some weeks after this I was requested to meet the Wardens of the House at Dr. Holms'.

I went, and to my astonishment, learnt all.

Some of them pretended to blame me very much, but I retorted, their own Secretary-Treasurer was alone to blame, along with the villain, Alexis Purnet, he paid it to; and the no less guilty Judah. I showed them at once my bill book and ledger, which proved that all I got by the transaction was the trouble and vexation: They succeeded in coaxing me to resist payment of the two notes when they fell due, because I foolishly trusted them to bear me out in case of being foiled. The notes had gone into the hands of third and fourth parties. I was cast with very large expenses. What was my surprise at having new actions-at-law raised against me by these very wardens, to pay them also.

Their case is still pending.

I have proved they knew of the swindle weeks before they let me know, during which time they were trying to get a settlement quietly through the other parties.

I have also proved that one of their own body, Olivia Berthelet, knew of the whole transaction from Judah, before the time Judah called on me to get the note exchanged.

This case was in the newspapers, and made quite a noise.

In 1839, the Honorable C. P. Thompson, afterwards Lord Sydenham, arrived in Montreal as Governor General of the British North American Colonies.

To my great surprise, I received on the day of his arrival, a card from his Chief Secretary, requesting my attendance on His Excellency at ten o'clock next forenoon. When I received this summons, I thought there must have been some mistake. I went a little before the time, and was received by Major Campbell, who I had previously been acquainted with. I expressed to him my doubts, but he said he had orders to show me up the instant I arrived, and that we were not to be disturbed till one o'clock.

When I was ushered in, His Excellency took me by the hand and thanked me for being so sharp on time. Being seated, he said he hoped I would be able to give him my company till one o'clock, as he had a number of questions to ask me, and begged that I would in my usual frank way answer them. I replied, it was not in my nature to answer otherwise.

He then opened a memorandum book, on the top of the first page my name, and under it questions, with the opposite page blank for answers.