

Lord Seaton having returned to town, I called on and obtained from his Lordship the necessary testimonial, which I enclosed to Lord J. Russell, trusting it would be sufficient to induce his Lordship to enable me to return to my family and recommence my researches in the Canadas. Receiving no answer to this, I called on Mr. Vernon Smith at his town residence, who ordered my letter and card to be returned, sending word that he would see me at the Colonial Office. I called at that office, and was in attendance from eleven to four o'clock for four successive days but was unable to obtain an interview with or an answer from that gentleman.

Finding myself thus neglected, I laid my case before a Member of Parliament to whom my connections were known, and who called upon Mr. V. Smith to inquire why the Government did not deal with me more justly. Mr. Smith said that if Lord Seaton would write to Lord J. Russell in quite "a different style," his Lordship would then assist me, and not otherwise. What the style is in which the Colonial Secretary wishes to be addressed I do not pretend to know; I can only say that it is hard to have the fate of one who has rendered no little service, and who with his family is in a state of the most urgent distress, dependent upon party punctilio.

Another very influential member of the House, to whom my case was stated, sent me word "that if I drew up an explicit Memorial he would present it, together with my documents, to Lord J. Russell." This was accordingly done on the 11th of last April. On the 18th of May I once more wrote to Lord J. Russell, referring to the Memorial of the 11th of April, and again describing the destitute state of myself and family. In reply to this I had an answer, on the 3rd of June, from Mr. V. Smith, stating "that he was desired by Lord J. Russell to inform me that no Memorial had been received from the member alluded to, and that his Lordship could only return the answer which he had given before, namely, 'that they would not render me any further assistance.'" Notwithstanding this letter, I was assured, on the very day on which I received it, by the gentleman to whom I had forwarded the Memorial, that he had himself handed it to Lord J. Russell; and the following letter corroborates his statement:—

"DOWNING STREET, *July 10, 1840.*

"SIR.—I am desired by Lord John Russell to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of to-day's date, requesting the return of certain original documents given by Mr. — to Lord John Russell, in the House of Commons, on the 11th April.

"As I have previously informed you, these documents have been put by among other papers, and overlooked in the great pressure of business by which Lord J. Russell's time is constantly