

individual, and never was any petition of mine objected to by any one. Here, however, in Canada, the Speaker interferes, again and again, and blasts my purposes. Here, too, there is a Committee which decides as to printing petitions. Early this session, Mr. Munro, on my request, moved that my petition, which procured for me this hearing, should be printed. It was important for me that it should be printed, in order that copies might be sent to my friends in the country who were disposed to aid me this year, as they did last year, with prayers that I should be heard at the bar; but, no! The Ministry were opposed to my being heard; and the printing of my petition was refused!! It could not be to save the cost of printing; for the petition was a short one; but it was to defeat my desire to be heard at the bar; and I appeal to you and every member of this House if the refusal was not shameful.

Sir:—I appealed to you and the House against the conduct of your predecessor, in setting aside my petition of last year; and, to this day, I appeal against the Speaker's conduct in the year 1842; but more especially against the conduct of those who gave way to the Speaker's declaration and set me down as an object of pity. Sir, Mr. Neilson and Doctor Dunlop were respectable men; and, I doubt not, meant well towards me; but they had no right whatever to act as they did. If my petition was faulty, it might have been withdrawn, and my business brought to notice by another: but what was done? A Committee sat and reported that "Your Committee, in the present state of the session, have not thought it expedient to enter into any enquiry into the reasons that have prevented the address of this House to His Excellency of the 16th September, 1841, and the report thereon referred to, from being fully acted on," &c. The Committee did, in fact, do what it was not called to do; and neglected the chief matter,—shewing off the "*Minute in Council*" as it deserved.

Sir,—The inconsiderate doings of Messrs. Neilson and Dunlop, have, till this day, involved me in trouble; and it remains for this House to correct

their errors;—to expose the baseness of the "*Minute in Council*," and sustain the Report of 1841. I myself have lost no opportunity to do this. In 1843, I had a petition presented to the Assembly; but, that very day, the Ministry resigned.

In 1846, I had four petitions presented and printed in the journals without avail; and now, for the first time, I have opportunity to speak where I now am; and, here, Sir, I pledge myself to make all clear, if a Committee is appointed to listen to details.

The Report of 1841, recommended that the Crown should repudiate the transaction by which I was persecuted to my ruin; and that the Crown will do, I doubt not, when required by this House. It was further recommended, that the Legislature should cause me to be compensated for losses sustained by the unwarrantable exercise of authority:—and this, also, can be done. But, Sir, permit me to say, that, had I gone to England 1841, instead of being detained in Canada by the false "*Minute in Council*"—all would have been settled to my satisfaction. No doubt, the Crown would, there, have frowned down the villainous transaction by which I was persecuted; and, there, I could have proved what losses I had sustained. Here, I can only assert that, before coming to Canada, I never reckoned my yearly income less than £500—while I had, besides, provisions for my wife and children.

By false imprisonment in Canada, I not only lost hold of all property in Britain; but was involved in endless litigation:—nay more, finding myself without monied means on my return home after banishment, I went to London, borrowed £200 from a friend, and meant to enter as a student of law; but because of banishment, could not be received by the Benchers; and thus, ever since, ruined as a farmer, shut out from employment in law, and harrassed with litigation, 41 yeas of my life have been rendered, not only profitless but miserable. At this moment, I have nothing for it, but existence in a log-house on my land in the Township of Dereham—nothing for it, but my appeal for justice to this Honourable House.