

without anything to justify it.....You are not bound by such opinion (the Council's) and must exercise your own general discretion in recommending parties for Honorable distinction which are to be conferred for merit and services, irrespective of party, and which will be approved of by the entire community."

So was defeated this inglorious attempt on the part of his adversaries to prevent the bestowal of a well deserved honor. First they tried to drive him off the Bench without compensation of any kind, then confronted with the impossibility of obtaining Imperial sanction to the Act of abolition without providing a pension, they fixed it at the smallest figures possible, and lastly did their utmost to thwart him in the reception of those honours which the Sovereign was recommended to confer. To close this incident in his career on the 18th February, 1856, when he was in London he received the following notice:

SIR,—The Queen having been graciously pleased to command that an Investiture of the most Honorable Order of the Bath shall be holden at Buckingham Palace on Friday next, the 22nd inst., at a quarter before three o'clock precisely, I have the honor by Command of His Royal Highness the Prince Albert, great master of the orders to apprise you thereof, in order that you may attend Her Majesty on that day for the purpose of receiving the Insignia of a Companion of that Most Honorable Order.

I have the honor, &c.

ALBERT W. WOODS.

Lancaster Herald & Gentleman Usher of the Order.

He attended at the Palace as requested, and on that day the Queen personally affixed to his breast the decoration, and immediately thereafter he attended the Queen's Levee, and was presented. Among the large number of presentations on that occasion is the following notice. "Mr. A. Stewart, Judge of the Vice Admiralty Court in Nova Scotia on receiving the Order of the Bath by Mr. Secretary Labouchere."