

Thus, sir, you have been the honoured agent in conferring the Committee, and we trust many others, in their bygone confidence, expressed, in their statement of the 1st April, in which they say: "We do not think the imperial government wishes to abridge our civil rights, make void the King's deeds, or change, alter, or make new conditions."

We have the honour to be,

Dear Sir, Your faithful servants,

JESSE KETCHUM, *Chairman.* | THOMAS STOYELL. } *Committee.*
ALEX. BURNSIDE. | JOSEPH SHEPHERD. }

York, December 12th 1827.

King-Street, York, 13th December 1827.

GENTLEMEN:—I have the honor to acknowledge your letter, approving of my conduct as the agent of the inhabitants of this province who petitioned the British Parliament against the Naturalization Bill of last session of the Colonial Legislature; your approbation affords me great pleasure.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your very humble serv't,

ROBERT RANDAL.

To Messrs. Jesse Ketchum, | Thomas Stoyell &
Alexander Burnside, | Joseph Shepherd :
The Central Committee on the Naturalization Bill.

[**CIRCULAR.**]

Committee Room, York, 14th Dec. 1827.

SIR:—We the central committee to whom were entrusted the petitions of several thousand persons, praying that the alien bill might not pass into a law, beg to refer you to the newspapers of the day for a copy of our first report. We are satisfied that Mr. Randal, the agent on behalf of the petitioners, hath done his duty, but however much the House of Assembly may feel disposed to reward him for his trouble, we have no assurance that any bill for that purpose will pass into a law.

We have received, without personal solicitation, in subscriptions, including the monies subscribed towards Mr. Randal's journey to England in 1826, a sum, which, being deducted from his actual expenses as advanced by us during his late mission to London, will leave a balance due us by the public of £100 currency. There has also been other expenses incurred for printing 2000 copies of our first report, which will soon be ready for delivery *gratis*; and several contingencies may occur, for which money may be wanted, before the alien question is finally set at rest. We did not wish to urge a new subscription at an earlier period, because we were aware, that, in proportion to their means, the people would come forward and relieve us from the debts we have assumed on their behalf: and we could do no less than pay Mr. R's disbursements.

We respectfully request, that, with as little delay as possible, you will take the inclosed subscription list, and use your best personal endeavours to obtain in your neighbourhood, such a sum as the people's means may enable them to contribute, and that you send said lists filled up, to us by an early mail, say within three or four weeks at farthest, addressed to "MR. JESSE KETCHUM—YORK," enclosing at same time such a sum of money as you shall have been able to collect towards repaying us for an advance made on behalf of the country.

Please to say how many copies of our first report will be wanted in your place, and they shall be sent, free of charge.

We remain, Your obedient servants,

JESSE KETCHUM, *Chairman.* | JOSEPH SHEPHERD,
ALEXANDER BURNSIDE, | THOMAS STOYELL.