

The undersigned most respectfully submits that this statement was frank and temperate, and undeserving of the reply it received (document No. 6 herewith), and of the very harsh and arbitrary measure of dismissal; also, that the further explanation and apology contained in his letter of the 1st instant (document No. 7 herewith), were all that any honorable man could offer.

In view of the whole facts of the case, the undersigned most respectfully appeals to His Excellency the Administrator of the Government in Council, for a calm and thorough investigation of the matter, and submits that an officer of the Government of his grade and length of service, whose efficiency and oneness of purpose in organising and administering the important branch of the service lately under his charge, have been acknowledged by all the Commissioners of Crown Lands, including the present one, who have held office since his appointment, as well as by the Lumber Merchants and the settlers on the Public Lands, should not be dismissed the service without a full and impartial consideration of the circumstances by His Excellency in Council.

Wherefore, the undersigned begs speedy justice in the premises, seeing that a young and numerous family are dependent on him for their daily bread.

And, as in duty bound, he will every pray.

P. M. PARTRIDGE.

Quebec, 18th June, 1867.