

ling over mountainous and bad roads, and that he died upon one of the Circuits within the year of his appointment while in the act of returning to Quebec.

That your memorialist in the month of May, 1840, had the honor to receive a letter from the Secretary of the Province conveying to him the offer of the office then vacant by the demise of Mr. Hamel, in which letter it was mentioned, that a change being then contemplated in the Judicature System of the Province, His Excellency the Governor General, would not guarantee to memorialist the continuance of the office, but nevertheless, would view his acceptance of it, under this circumstance, as evidence of a desire on the part of memorialist to advance the public service, and would take the first favorable opportunity to promote the interest of memorialist, in the event of such change taking place.

That thereupon, your memorialist animated with the desire to distinguish himself, in a service alike honorable and meritorious, and not doubting the promise of the Government, thus formally and officially expressed, accepted the office; nor independently of such promise, could he hesitate to relinquish his practice at the Bar and assume those judicial duties, because according to precedents and the usage which then prevailed, the members of the profession of the Law who, in the employ of Government, rendered services to the public, were promoted in preference to others, to seats in the Courts of King's Bench and Provincial Courts. To be appointed Chairman of the Court of Quarter Sessions, was considered a title and an immediate step to such promotion, as in the cases of the late Mr. Justice Fletcher, of Mr. Justice Thompson, of Mr. Justice Gale, at Montreal, and of the late Mr. Justice Taschereau, at Quebec.

That the annual allowance by the Government to the Commissioner of the Court of Requests was £666 13s. 4d. currency, *i. e.* £500 sterling salary and £100 sterling for travelling expenses.

That the memorialist performed, without any failure, the whole of the duties of this office, from the day of his appointment thereto, the 19th May, 1840, to the 1st January, 1842, when a change was made in the Judicature System of Lower Canada by the creation of Inferior Districts and District Courts, and the appointment of seven District Judges; whereupon the memorialist was appointed Judge of the Inferior