

a dog upon the outside steps of the Church, and leave me there lying in a state of insensibility and convulsions from such their brutal assault, because that the *christian* office-bearers of that *christian* Church, first procured, and then ordered them to do so, and agreed to indemnify them for so doing. Assuredly that was neither law nor justice. They are continually asserting that I was guilty of disturbances and gross misbehaviour in the Church, which even if true, would not justify them in a violation of the law. The law in respect of disturbances in a Church is very clear, as will be seen by reading the same on page 964, consolidated statutes of Canada; and which is as follows, namely :—

“ Any person who wilfully disturbs, interrupts, or disquiets any assemblage of persons met for religious worship, by profane discourse, by rude, or indecent behaviour, or by making a noise, either within a place of worship, or so near it as to disturb the order or solemnity of the meeting, shall, upon conviction thereof before a justice of the Peace, on the oath of one or more credible witnesses, forfeit and pay such sum of money, not exceeding five pounds as the said justice may think fit, and costs.”

That is the *only* law which exists in Canada, respecting the disturbance of religious worship, and is abundantly ample, and provides a clear remedy, and a very proper one, because, if every office-bearer in a Church, or every Constable, was allowed by law to say what constitutes a disturbance, and to *punish therefor in his own discretion*, whether by such a brutal outrage as was committed upon me by them, or otherwise, the most nefarious and gross abuses and villainies would arise.

I did not disturb the congregation in the slightest degree, I was quietly proceeding to my pew, when I was rudely pushed back by two of the Office-Bearers, who thus began the disturbance, and with the Constables, were the only persons who disturbed the congregation, and violated the law most grossly. That this was the case is clearly proven by the fact, that they did not summon me before a Magistrate in accordance with said Statute, as they would gladly have done had I been guilty, *but as I was not guilty, the swearing—the oath* which they would have had to have taken before the Magistrate, pointing out the disturbances which they say I was guilty of, *had again to be avoided, and recourse had to Lynch law.*

OUR CITY COUNCIL.

Feeling that such gross abuses should not pass unpunished, and being informed that the Police Commissioners had not acted upon a request made by some of the citizens to them (wholly at the time unknown to me) to enquire into the conduct of the Police in respect of said matters, as soon as I was able, namely, about the 8th or 10th of June, I sent in a Petition to our City Council, stating the