

United States. In the year 1850 the decease of my wife took place at New Orleans, State of Louisiana, which unfortunate and melancholy calamity compelled me to send my children to the public school; but they were objected to, and, on making inquiry, I was told that the British Government ought to educate them, and not the American people; and all this on account of my having served the interest of England as a loyal subject in the Canadian Rebellion.

Now, my Lord, may I take the liberty of asking, with all due respect, was it fair or just that you should order Lord Sydenham, after three years' lapse of time, to take this matter of mine out of Sir George Arthur's hands, and make inquiries of Governor Mason or Dr. Houghton, especially as Governor Mason gave up the State cannon and State arms to the *Patriots*, in order to take the Canadas; and that the said Dr. Houghton got up the expedition against the Canadas for the purpose of assisting McKenzie to overthrow the Canadian Government? and could it be hardly possible that either of these two gentlemen would have been expected to say anything in my favour? Still, my Lord, Dr. Houghton, I am happy to say, admitted that the State authorities dismissed me from their service for the very active part I had taken in the Rebellion.

This was an open and candid acknowledgment that I had lost my situation from the part I had taken for my country. The magistrates of Upper Canada openly acknowledged it; the Government of Upper Canada in Council acknowledged it; Lord Seaton, commander-in-chief of the forces, acknowledged it; and all these documents are now in your Lordship's possession, since the year 1840 (*see page 21*).

Sir George Arthur also acknowledged my services, and the loss of my situation of £300 per annum. Mr. Vernon Smith, formerly your Lordship's Under-Secretary of State, acknowledged it, by telling Sir Montague L. Chapman, M.P., at the time (1841), that he would give me a situation of £80 per annum in the St. Katherine's Docks, which I declined, as it was not an equivalent for the one which I was deprived of from the year 1838 to the year 1841, which loss of situation was the cause of reducing myself and family to actual poverty.

I ask nor seek anything, my Lord, for the services I have rendered, and which have been allowed by the high officials of the Government of Upper Canada. That they proved successful is to me sufficient recompense for my humble exertions; and all I now ask of from your Lordship and Her Majesty's Government is, that utter ruin may not be the result of my loyalty, and that my dear children may not be dependent upon American citizens, as they now are, for a precarious support; or that my unfortunate self, after all my exertions, may not be thrown on the generosity