

TO THE
RIGHT HONOURABLE SIR WILLIAM MOLESWORTH,
BART., M.P.,

Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonial Department.

SIR: From the nature of the letters which you directed your Secretary to write to me, consequent on the Memorial dated 28th June, 1855, which I laid before Her Majesty's Government through Lord John Russell, you allude to payments made to me, and say, that you are of opinion that I am not entitled to any further relief from Her Majesty's Government. I beg leave to say, that I did not mention the word "relief," which you can observe, as my Memorial is now before you in a printed form; and as for the payments which you allude to, they ought not to be mentioned, when it is taken into consideration how they were granted, and that I had to cross the Atlantic Ocean *three different times* to receive them.

I hope, Sir William, that you do not consider the 300 dollars which the Government in Council, in Upper Canada, funded to me, as a payment. That sum I laid out in obtaining information which I considered would serve the interest of England, in order to find out the plans of the Patriots; and which proved fertile in results, so much so that it was the means of saving Upper Canada from falling into the hands of General Theller, and ended in his capture. It was money belonging to my family, my own hard earnings; and often have I been living for months on the produce of my gun, weary, wet, cold, and hungry, roving the forest, almost in the same state as the animals themselves, sometimes without clothing, or having a place to shelter myself for the night; and it is really enough to make my heart bleed, when I reflect on the hardships I had to endure, to save it, and the treatment I received in consequence.

The other payments I have mentioned previous, and which were doled out to me from time to time; which, if given in one sum, would have answered a good purpose. This was not the case: I received them on each side of the Atlantic Ocean, as stated at page 16.

Mr. Elliot, your Secretary, in his letter of the 5th instant