

affidavit, the said petition has been issued, and who is the person proposed as guardian to the said Bridges,) on the order of Robert S. M. Bouchette, Esq., Chief Commissioner of the Royal Revenue, bearing date the 31st May last, hereunto annexed [see above for said letter, page 11] given by order of the Honorable Lewis Thomas Drummond, Attorney General, hereunto annexed, [see page 11] which said two documents annexed are true and have been signed in the presence of said deponent, and immediately after delivered up to him; the deponent denies the authority in virtue of which, Joseph Edouard Turcotte, Esquire, pretended to dispossess the said deponent from his property, honorably and legally acquired, that the said sale and delivery of said Bridges had been made a long time before the date of the Statute upon which is founded the said Petition; said Statute being law only since 10th November last. And said deponent further saith that he does not know, and cannot imagine the pretences in virtue of which it is urged to induce him to believe that these Bridges belong to Her Majesty; that he intends to bring immediately an action against Her Majesty, represented by the Commissioners of Public Works, in order to oblige them to maintain him in the possession of his aforesaid property. Wherefore fying his title, he complains of the unfair celerity of the proceedings in this cause, the said deponent concludes that at least, before Judgment be rendered upon said Petition, all proceedings be stopped till Judgment be rendered on the merits of the question—and signed.

(Signed,)

T. H. PACAUD.

Sworn before me at Three Rivers, this 18th December, 1852.

(Signed,) N. A. Duberger, }  
Commissioner. }

The Judge ordered that Mr. Pacaud be notified, in order to shew cause: this is the notice given to him:—

SIR,—Be notified that the above Petition framed upon the affidavits hereunto annexed will be presented to the Honorable Dominique Mondlet, one of the Judges of the Superior Court of Lower Canada, in order to obtain the conclusions thereof, at the Court House, in this Town, on Thursday 23rd instant at 10 o'clock, A. M., and that if you wish to shew cause against said Petition, you will have then and there to appear to that effect.

(Signed,)

LEWIS T. DRUMMOND,  
Attorney General.

J. E. TURCOTTE,  
Queen's Counsel.

Colonel Gagy went in time to Three Rivers to appear and plead for Mr. Pacaud, before the Judge; he shewed cause, title and written proof in hand that Mr. Pacaud was not illegally and unjustly in the possession of the Bridges, but that he was in possession of the same according to the Law of the Land and of all civiliz-