

The Deputation having failed to procure an interview with Mr. Mackenzie, except it might be at the sacrifice of self-respect and the honour of the body they represented, put in the form of a petition to the Governor in Council the subject matter they intended to bring personally before Mr. Mackenzie, of which the following is a copy :

To His Excellency the Right Honourable Sir Frederic Temple, Earl Dufferin, K.P., K. C. B., Governor-General of the Dominion of Canada, in Council assembled.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY :

The petition of the undersigned Deputation from the Loyal Orange Association of Ontario West humbly sheweth :

That with all Her Majesty's subjects they glory in British freedom and dearly prize the great boon of civil and religious liberty upheld wherever the Union Jack floats to the breeze, which it is their strong determination to preserve and perpetuate for all classes without distinction of creed of Her Majesty's loyal subjects in the exercise of such things as are compatible with law and order.

Your petitioners submit that the members of the Orange Association are composed of loyal and law-abiding citizens, and as such are entitled to the protection provided for all classes of citizens in the exercise of their lawful rights.

It is the painful duty of your petitioners to direct the attention of your Excellency in Council to the deplorable fact that an unoffending loyal British subject was brutally murdered in the City of Montreal on the Twelfth day of July last while in the act of returning from the house of God, in a peaceable manner, after the Orangemen of that city had abandoned on that occasion, in good faith, their right to a public procession

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