

Agent, and also the interest that was due on his Welland Canal claim of £250 in 1851, amounting to £100 and upwards.

And Your Petitioner will ever pray.

(Signed,)

WM. L. MACKENZIE.

Quebec, Monday, November 27th, 1854.

That instead of being paid his claim Your Petitioner received an acknowledgment of the receipt thereof as follows:—

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

Quebec, 29th Nov., 1854.

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Petition, of the 27th instant, praying for the sum of £500 on account of the expenses which, you state, were incurred by you in proceeding to England on the business connected with the affairs of the late Province of Upper Canada, in the years 1832 and 1833;—and also for the sum of £100 and upwards, being the interest on your claim (already paid) of £250 for services as a Commissioner to investigate the affairs of the Welland Canal Company in the year 1835.

In reply, I am directed to inform you that the subject of your Petition will receive the consideration of the Government.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

W. L. Mackenzie, Esq.,
&c. &c.

E. A. MEREDITH,
Assist. Secretary.

That your Petitioner would have been paid in 1836, had not Supplies been stopped as a means to obtain redress of wrongs. The petition to the Assembly of Upper Canada under which Supplies were thus refused—as the present Earl of Derby had advised in a letter to the late Hon. W. W. Baldwin—was entered on the Journals, in these words, viz:

TO THE HONOURABLE THE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

The humble Petition of the undersigned, Inhabitants of the Township of Pickering,

RESPECTFULLY SHEWETH:

“That it is with feelings of sorrow and regret that your Petitioners have witnessed the organized opposition offered by the Legislative Council, and by successive Lieutenant Governors, to the noble and spirited efforts made in the last and present Sessions of the Legislature by Your Honorable House, “to maintain, as well as to amend, the Laws and Institutions of the Country,” in accordance with the advice of our revered Sovereign.

“That the people of Canada deserve kinder treatment than they have hitherto met with at the hand of the Agents of the British Government. They have fought, suffered and bled to maintain its supremacy in this distant land, they have manifested their love for the constitution under the very worst of Colonial Administrations, and have for many years been engaged in a peaceful struggle to obtain a practical recognition of their rights as British subjects; yet it appears that no confidence is placed in them.

“That the correspondence between His Excellency Sir Francis Bond Head, and the members of the Executive Council that was chosen by him on his accession to the government, has revealed to the people, that it is His Excellency's determination not only to retain in his own hands the power delegated to him by his Sovereign, of dismissing the Executive Council, dissolving the Legislature, and appealing to the sense of the people, as often as he may think it expedient