

"That since his imprisonment he has conducted himself in such a way as to gain the confidence of the authorities in whose charge he has been placed.

"That your Petitioners trust that Your Excellency will favorably regard the prayer of this petition, and remit the remaining term of the imprisonment of the said James Henesey, and order him to be discharged; and as in duty bound your petitioners will ever pray.

"Ameliasburg, 1st February, 1849.

"(Signed,)

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"JAMES ROYAL HENESEY,

"TIMOTHY HENESEY,

"SARAH HENESEY,

"HANAH HENESEY,

"MARY ANNE HENESEY,

"ELIZABETH HENESEY,

"CATHERINE HENESEY,

"MARY JANE HENESEY,

"OLINE HENESEY,

"We do certify that we are acquainted with the family of James Henesey named in the within petition, and recommend the prayer of the within petition to the favorable consideration of His Excellency the Governor General.

"(Signed,)

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"ROBERT C. WILKINS,

"CHARLES BIGGAR,

"B. WELLER,

"P. G. BARTLETT, Clerk.

"REUBEN YOUNG,

"JOHN P. ROBLIN,

"GEORGE CUNNINGHAM,

"WILLIAM FITZGIBBON,

"MARSHALL B. ROBLIN,

Ans. They are.

(Witness withdrew.)

The Committee adjourned until 10 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow.

Thursday, 15th May, 1856.

Committee met,—

MEMBERS PRESENT:

JAMES MOIR FERRES, Esquire,
(Chairman,)

Mr. Stevenscn,
Mr. Wilson,

Mr. Felton,—4.

The Hon. Mr. Macdonald and Mr. Brown were present.

THE Hon. *Adam Fergusson* called in and examined by Mr. Brown.

Ques. 733. Are you a member of the Legislative Council and a member of the Scottish Faculty of Advocates?—Ans. I am a member of the Honorable Legislative Council. I am a member of the Faculty of Advocates of Scotland.

Ques. 734. Were you Chairman of the Commissioners appointed by Government in May, 1848, to inquire into the condition and management of the Provincial Penitentiary?—Ans. I was.

Ques. 735. Were you present at all the meetings of the Commissioners, and did you act as Chairman of the Board from its opening on 23rd June, 1848, to its close on 16th April, 1849, with the exception of a period from 11th December, 1848, to 29th January, 1849, when you were necessarily absent?—I was, and to the best of recollection my period of absence was that stated.